



CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



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16th - 23rd April 2016 4th Sunday of Easter Year C



Mass Times	
Saturday anticipating 6pm	
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm	
Monday – Saturday 10am	
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am	
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Diary

Sunday 17th	Coffee Morning - One World Group
Monday 18th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR11.15-12.30pm
Tuesday 19th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30 – 3.30pm
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm Church Steps to Pentecost
	Choir practice 8pm Church UCM LCR 8-10pm
Wednesday 20th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30pm
Thursday 21st	Rosary - Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 22nd	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina - Pastoral Office 2pm
Saturday 23rd	Reconciliation opportunity for First Eucharist children
Sunday 24th	Coffee Morning – Beavers/Scouts
	Confirmation at 5pm Mass



If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify the RC Chaplain on **07884 187463** directly, as the Hospital is not able to pass on the information to them. If you are in Pinehill Hospital, please contact the parish directly. When you come out of hospital or if you are ill and housebound please ring the parish office so we can minister to your needs if required.



If you have a need for prayer, please contact Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions.



Readings: Acts 13:14.43-52, Apoc 7:9.14-17, John 10:27-30

Entrance antiphon The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

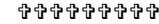
Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Intercessions: Father, in your mercy
Response: Guard and guide us.

Next week Acts 14:21-27, Apoc 21:1-5, John 13:31-35



This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team 3 Monday Team 4



Traidcraft stall will be open on Sunday after the 8.30 and 10.30 masses.

Faith Development Helpline

If you (or someone you know) needs to chat about your faith or have been feeling lost ring

07582 648433

Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm.

Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself

Year of Mercy Prayer Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, so that our Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



If someone close to you has died our Bereavement Team is specially trained to help. You can contact them through the Parish Office on 01462 459126.

This Weekend marks Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. We also have a collection today for the formation and training of Priests. If you took an envelope last week, be sure to place it in the basket in the porch. There are some envelopes still available in the porch. Don't forget to tick the gift aid box and complete the claim. We ask that you pray a special prayer for vocations on a daily basis. Please take home a prayer card for vocations, which are also in the porch on the table. Thank you for your prayers and generosity in support of the priests and the Catholic Church of tomorrow.

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Sunday 4pm: Celebration of Reconciliation for the Confirmation Candidates at the end of their day of Retreat in preparation for the Celebration next Sunday, with Bishop Paul.

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Sunday 5pm mass: Our Confirmation Candidates affirm their intention to respond positively to the Bishop's call to the Sacrament.

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Next Sunday at 5pm: we are welcoming our Area Bishop Paul, to his first official visit to us for the celebration of Confirmation for our young people at 5pm Mass. All are welcome to share in this Mass. There will be a small gathering after the Mass in the Hall to round off the celebration in the Parish.

Pope Francis has asked for a special collection to be taken up next weekend (23rd /24th April) as a humanitarian initiative for the people of the Ukraine. All the churches in Europe will be participating to show our solidarity with the people of the Ukraine. Pope Francis asks for our prayers for the people in their suffering. Thank you for your generosity.

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We are delighted to announce the appointment of Anna Hopcraft, as our new parish Administrator, as from May 9th. She will be working for three hours daily from Monday to Thursday, with Antoinette, carrying on with her duties on Fridays. The new times for the Office will be 10am to 1pm. We wish Anna a warm welcome and an enjoyable time in our midst and are looking to this being a long and interesting time for her and for us too!

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Is anyone willing to help compile and edit the Foodbank Newsletter? Ideally 4 times per year, it is a matter of encouraging people to submit articles and then compiling it into the prescribed format. This can be done at home in your own time. If you are willing to help in this way please speak to or email Trish Bonnett.

Dates for your diary

Monday 18 April

Fr Michael is celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Year 5 children, in the morning and again in the afternoon.

11am: The Assumptionist Community are holding their regular Meeting to review their work and life.

Tuesday 19 April

2pm Mass at Milford Lodge celebrated by Fr Euloge. All parishioners welcome.

Friday 22 April

2.30pm Official opening of Milford Lodge. Some of our Parishioners are in residence there already.

7.30pm Hitchin Initiative will host a Question Time format debate on the European Referendum to take place at Hitchin Town Hall with a panel of guest speakers including Peter Lilley MP and Richard Howitt MEP.

Send your questions please marked 'Europe Debate 'to us at 27 Churchyard, SG5 1HP or email: info@hitchinherts.com with your contact details.

Free admission by ticket obtainable from the Initiative shop at 27 Churchyard.

In? Out? or just Shake It All About?

Informed debate may change your mind or help you decide.

7pm Send a Cow quiz night in our hall. £10 including Fish and Chip supper. Bring your own drink and glasses. For tickets contact John Burr 01462 420257.

Future Dates

April 30 6pm Fundraising Concert & Auction at Hitchin Christian Centre

Join us for a feast of Caribbean cuisine / Concert / Stalls / Auction and Raffle. Caribbean food by Siena's catering Bid for over 25 fantastic product/services. Buy tickets online <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/zee-tickets-20008566160> Or Marcia 0777 37 55362

Reason for event check following for full details www.gofundme.com/helpzizo

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May 27 1-4pm Farmers market will be held in the church hall. This is not to be missed with local produce available.