



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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23rd – 30th April 2016 5th 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 24 th	Coffee Morning – Beavers/Scouts
	Confirmation at 5pm Mass
Monday 25 th	Meditation Group LCR11.15-12.30pm
Tuesday 26 th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30 – 3.30pm
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm Church
	Steps to Pentecost Choir practice 8pm Church
Wednesday 27 th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
Thursday 28 th	Rosary - Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 29 th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina - Pastoral Office 2pm
Saturday 30 th	Marriage Preparation Course Hall 9.30-4pm
Sunday 1 st May	Coffee Morning – Diapalante
	Baptism Preparation Course Hall 3-4.30pm

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

Entrance antiphon O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.
Psalm: **I will bless your name for ever, O God my King**

Intercessions: Father you love us

Response: May we abide in your love

Next week Acts 15:1-2.22-29, Apoc 21:10-14.22-23, John 14:23-29



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.

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



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.

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team 4 Monday Team 1

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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



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:

Our Parish welcomes our new Area Bishop: Bishop Paul is coming to celebrate with us the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Candidates at 5pm Mass. All are welcome to share in this Mass as support to our young people and to welcome Bishop Paul warmly to our Parish.

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Pope Francis has asked for a special collection to be taken up this 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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Wednesday 27th April: Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated for **Leonard Scott**, who died recently, at 11.45am. We pray for him and his family and all who mourn his loss. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

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Saturday 30th April: 3pm: Baptism of **Alfie Rataj**, we pray for him and his family as he starts on his Journey of Faith and Life.

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Jodi and Rob Harrison would like to thank everyone for their prayers during Jodi's recent illness. Good news is that Jodi is now well on the road to making a full recovery and her baby, due early June, is fine. Thanks be to God!

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Next Sunday: Fr Michael is in Nottingham for the 4pm Mass at St Teresa's Church, Aspley, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Church, where he served for four years, when he was Superior of the House of our Order, in the Park.

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We apologise for the error in last week's newsletter regarding the name of our new parish Administrator. Cheryl Saunders will be taking over the post 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.

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Our next gardening session will be Saturday 30th April from 9 - 12pm. Any help or time you can offer will be very much appreciated.

Following our very successful gardening team coffee morning, we have purchased 2 beautiful pots and plants for the entrance from the car park into the church. We hope you enjoy them



Dates for your diary

Monday 24 April

11am Mass at Stagenhoe celebrated by Fr Euloge. Trish has two seats available in her car. Please be in the car park by 10.35am

Tuesday 26 April

11am: Meeting of our Catholic Partnership of Schools at John Henry Newman School to continue to share and promote our Schools in the area, with the support of our Diocese.

Saturday 30 April

9.30am Our Marriage Preparation Day is being held for many couples preparing for the Covenant of Marriage, we pray for them and the Team which is supporting them on this day. The Meeting starts with Coffee at 9.30am for a 10.00am start in our Hall.

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

May 8

MICHAELMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING at 8pm in the Lower Committee Room. You are warmly invited to attend a planning meeting for this very popular annual event. New ideas and more helpers are very welcome.

May 15

Pentecost Sunday 10.30 Mass will be a celebration with a real difference. This Mass will see the Baptism and confirmation of Luis Gil who has been preparing for this with the others newly baptised at Easter. This is also the Mass where we give thanks for Fr Michael's years as Parish Priest and he officially hands over to Fr Tom in the presence of our Bishop Paul. The Mass will be followed by a bring and share picnic (garden weather permitting or in the hall if wet) Please sign up on the notice board in the porch stating what you will be bringing if you plan to come if you plan to come

Other item of interest

Our Bishops have issued a Statement and reflection on the EU Referendum on their website, to access it and other items of interest, please use the following address: ccn=cbcew.org.uk@mail67.atl111.rsgsv.net