



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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21st – 28th May 2016 The Most Holy Trinity 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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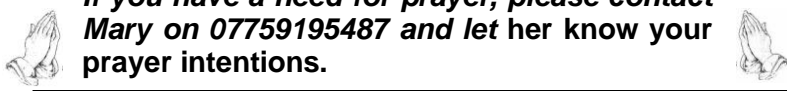
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If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify the RC Chaplain on **07884 187463** directly, as the Hospital is not able to pass on the information to them. If you are in Pinehill Hospital, please contact 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.



Diary

Sunday 22nd	Coffee Morning – Flower Group
Monday 23rd	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Christian Meditation Group LCR11.15-12.30pm
Tuesday 24th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30 – 3.30pm
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm Choir practice Church 8pm
Wednesday 25th	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
Thursday 26th	Rosary - Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 27th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Farmers Market Hall 1pm-4pm
	Lectio Divina - Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 29th	Coffee Morning – OLSSG

Readings: Prov 8:22-31, Rom 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

Entrance antiphon Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Psalm: How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

Intercessions: Father, we ask you

Response: Help us grow in truth and love!

Next week Gen 14:18-20, Cor 11:23-26, Luke 9:11-17

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team 1 Monday Team 1



Our next **gardening session** will be on Saturday 4th June from 9 - 12ish. Our group has started growing recently and everyone is very welcome. We are tidying and clearing during this session, so please consider joining us for the morning.

Faith Development Helpline

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

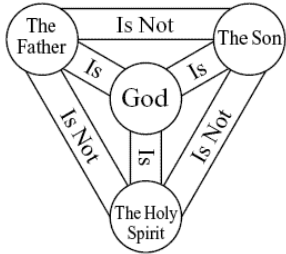
07582 648433

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: Trinity. Do you think in threes? Assumptionists do! Our Founder Emmanuel d'Alzon spoke of a triple love: Love of Jesus Christ and what Jesus loved most - the Church and His Mother Mary. Our mission statement is to be "*Men of communion, promoting and nurturing the faith in solidarity with the poor.*" Augustinian Spirituality is a trinitarian movement between us and God and the whole of creation.



This diagram is probably the best illustration of the TRINITY, only it is never static there is a constant flow of love between them. In believing in God who is Father, Son and Spirit, we enter into that flow of love. WOW!

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A Message from Fr Michael, now working in Pastoral Support: "Dear Friends, Just a simple message of gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful Mass we shared as Thanksgiving for what I have tried to bring to the Parish and to Welcome Fr Tom as my successor. Thanks you so much, the message was so rich, simple and very powerful, centered on the Adult Baptism of Luis! Our prayerful and moving Liturgy expressed so much of the love support and enthusiasm of our Parish, through many people working together. Thank you also for the wonderful Shared Lunch we enjoyed in the Hall afterwards, also for the cards and gifts I have received from you over the past few days. I am away this weekend and return on Monday. Bless you and thank you, one and all, for what has been achieved in the past 16 years. Love and peace, Michael aa"

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GIFT AID - TAX REBATE CLAIM - We will shortly be submitting the tax rebate claim for money donated to the Church under the Gift Aid Scheme in the tax year ending April 2016. If you have signed up for Gift Aid but no longer pay tax, please inform our Planned Giving & Gift Aid Organiser – David Wilson on 01462-627784 – so that we do not submit an inappropriate claim.

If you are not sure whether or not you have signed up for Gift Aid or whether you have paid enough tax to cover what we will claim, David will be able to let you know. Similarly, if you have not yet signed up for Gift Aid, but would like to do so, it is not too late and you should contact David who will make the necessary arrangements for you.

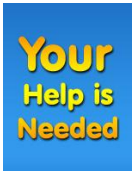
Also, can we take this opportunity to remind you that a Gift Aid donation must be made in the name of the person who pays the tax on the money that

is donated; if that is not the case, please let David know and alternative arrangements can be made.

Last but not least, can we again thank all of you who have signed Gift Aid Declarations as the tax rebate plays such an important part in financing the running of the Church.

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Furniture required for a parishioner and her son. She requires a double bed and a table and chairs, an easy chair and a stand for a TV. If anyone is able to help can you contact Esther on 07449346366. Thank you for your help.



Dates for your diary

Monday 23 May

11am Mass at Stagenhoe celebrated by Fr Michael Doherty. Trish is not able to offer a lift to this Mass.

Friday 27 May

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

Saturday 28 May

10am Morning of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers - Father Frank Leonard will lead a Morning of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers of our Parish on Eve of Feast Corpus Christi. We will begin with Mass at 10am and close with a shared lunch at 1pm. **RSVP: Teresa Lawrence-Hyde: Mobile No: 07751886525**
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Future Dates

June 3 Service for the bereaved at

7.30pm in Church Followed by refreshments in the Hall

June 18 You are all warmly invited to join the above **Northampton Diocese Justice & Peace Commission Conference**. Registration at 09.30am for a 10am start. The keynote speaker will be Barbara Kentish (Field worker with the Westminster Diocese J&P Commission) on "Laudato Si". There will be workshops to identify parish level activities. The venue is St John the Apostle Church, 296 Sundon Park Road, Sundon Park, Luton, Beds, LU3 3AL. Please bring food for a shared lunch. For further details, contact Fr. Tony Brennan on 01582 502400