



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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29th May – 5th June 2016 Corpus Christi 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 29th	Coffee Morning – EDAID
Tuesday 31st	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30 – 3.30pm
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
	Choir Practice Church 8pm
Wednesday 1st	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
Thursday 2nd	St Pio Group - Hall after Mass
	Rosary – Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 3rd	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
	Bereavement Service Hall 7.30pm
Sunday 5th	Coffee Morning – Sick Children's Trust

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

Entrance antiphon He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Psalm: You are a priest for ever - a priest like Melchizedek of old.

Intercessions: Lord, Open Our Hearts!

Response: To the Food of Life!

Next week Kings 17:17-24, Gal 1:11-19, Luke 7:11-17

Prayer for China to Our Lady of Sheshan By Pope Benedict XVI (abridged)

Virgin Most Holy, Mother of the Incarnate Word and our Mother, venerated in the Shrine of Sheshan under the title "Help of Christians", the entire Church in China looks to you with devout affection.

Our Lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China who, amid their daily trials, continue to believe, to hope, to love. May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world and of the world to Jesus. In the statue overlooking the Shrine, you lift your Son on high, offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love.

Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love, ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built. Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever, Amen.



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.

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

This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team 2 Monday Team 2



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.

Ramblings for Reflection: When I was growing up we had an outdoor procession for Corpus Christi (*the Body & Blood of Christ*) every year with the children who had made their first communion strewing flower petals on the road before the Blessed Sacrament. We wanted everyone to know how proud we were of our God and of Jesus' love for us, wanting to share our joy and praise with them. Jesus shares his love and life with us in a concrete way through the host and the wine that has become his Body and Blood, just like someone showing their love for us when they embrace or kiss us. It is in the contact that we experience the depth of that love and in which that love enters into and strengthens our lives. Just as we believe the bread and wine are transformed (*transubstantiation*) into the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion, we assimilate this same Jesus. The love and life that it offers penetrates and transforms our whole being. No wonder we cannot have enough of this wondrous and transforming gift!!

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We pray for Ted Hollingdale who died on Thursday. Ted was a governor at Our Lady's for over 20 years. His service to the school and parish has been greatly valued and he will be sorely missed. We pray for his wife Mary and their children and ask God to comfort them. May Ted rest in peace and rise in glory. Details of his funeral to follow.

Dates for your diary

Monday 30 May

Meeting Needs have been asked for the following items for local families in need. A dressing table for a girl of 11. Other children's bedroom furniture. A flat screen TV. Good condition mattresses (must have a fire label). If you can help with any of these please let Steph Kirby know. stephaniefkirby@hotmail.com or 01462 816658

Wednesday 1 June

11am Mass at Elmside Care Home. All parishioners welcome.

Friday June 3

7.30pm Service for the bereaved in Church followed by refreshments in the Hall

Saturday 4 June

Our next gardening session will be 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.

Future Dates

June 1-4

SPIRIT IN THE CITY Catholic festival of Mercy in the West End of London. Join the programme of prayer, talks, celebrations in Notre Dame de France and the all day festival in Leicester Square gardens on Saturday. For details visit: www.spiritinthecity.org or T: 020 7440 2663 Full programme: www.bit.ly/SitCfest2016

July 5

UCM Walsingham Pilgrimage If any members of the parish would like to join us you will be most welcome. We are joining with Shefford UCM who are arranging a coach which leaves Shefford at 8 am prompt. For further information please contact Ann Cook on 01462 453893.

Other Items of Interest

Monday morning counter required. One of the team who count the non-offertory parish money on a Monday morning has had to stop and so we need someone to fill the gap. You are committed once every 4 weeks for about 1½hrs from about 9am. If you are able to help please contact Graham Felton at grahamfelton@ntlworld.com

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Vacancy THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL **Academic Learning Mentor** (35 hours per week, term time only) **See details on noticeboard.**

CLOSING DATE: Monday 13 June 2016 at 2pm

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Text Giving

A new way to support Our Lady's is now available to us - through text giving on your mobile phone !!Just text Parish HITCH to 70800 to donate £5. This amount will be added to your phone bill and the Parish will receive 97p for every pound donated. This is not intended to be an alternative to giving by Standing Order or Envelopes or the Loose Plate even but rather to provide an easy way to make an extra donation to top-up your regular giving or to give if you have no cash to hand or to give if you are just visiting the Parish.At the moment, only donations in multiples of £5 per text are available and the donation cannot be Gift Aided.Thank you in advance for your support of this new scheme but please do not text during Mass !!