

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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18th – 25th June 2016 12th Sunday in ordinary time 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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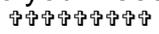
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If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify the RC Chaplain on **07884 187463** directly, as the Hospital is not able to pass on the information to them. If you are in Pinehill Hospital, please contact 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.



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.



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.

Diary

Sunday 19th	Coffee Morning – One World Group
	Laudato Si reflection UCR 3.30-4.30pm
Monday 20th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Christian Meditation Group LCR11.15-12.30pm
Tuesday 21st	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30 – 3.30pm
	Choir practice Church 8pm
Wednesday 22nd	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
Thursday 23rd	EU Referendum – Hall (Polling Station)
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 24th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina - Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 26th	Coffee Morning – One World Group

Readings: Zech 12:10-11;13:1 Gal 3:26-29, Lk 9:18-24

Entrance antiphon The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Psalms: For you my soul is thirst, O God, my God!

Intercessions: Lord in your Mercy
Response: **Hear Our Prayer!**

Next week 1 Kgs 19:16.19-21 Gal 5:1.13-18, Lk 9:51-62

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team 5 Monday Team 1
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No cash for the collection? Just text Parish HITCH to 70800 to donate £5.
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ONE WORLD GROUP Proceeds from coffee after Sunday morning masses will go to 'Prisoners of Conscience.' This small charity makes grants to help people who have been imprisoned for their beliefs.

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

Ramblings for Reflection: We all have a desire to know what other people think of us and for all sorts of reasons. So it is not unusual that Jesus wanted to know what people were saying about him. Whether the disciples told the whole truth or wanted to give positive answers would be very difficult to know. On the whole we all want to affirm people and the disciples (especially Peter) did just that. But getting the response right does not always mean understanding what it means. All the gospels suggest that everyone, including his disciples believed the Messiah would be a great world leader restoring the Jews to their rightful place in the world, but in terms of worldly greatness and heroism. The attractive element of Jesus was that he continually tried to dissuade his followers from the popular view of the Messiah and say that he would suffer and die an ignominious death. This understanding only truly sunk in after his suffering, death and resurrection and the enlightening of the Holy Spirit. Often we only understand the true significance of our lives when we have gone through a period of suffering, dying and resurrection!!

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The funeral of Kathleen (Kathy) Morgan has been arranged for Tuesday 12th July at 10am. We pray for her family and friends at this time. Kathy was 96 and made an impact on all who met her. She will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace and rise in glory

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Amoris Laetitia, “The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family” Chapters 7 & 8 are available on the table in front of the blue board. Please sign up to attend the evening (for catering purposes) We would encourage as many people as possible to take part. We are all part of “The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family”.

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Thinking About Life and Faith: The search for happiness. Does God exist? Why do we need the Church? How do I discover the purpose of my life? These are just a selection of the topics covered in our new series: Thinking About Life and Faith, which starts on 7th July at 7:30pm until 9pm and continues on Thursday evenings each week. You don't have to come to every session but you might find you want to! Absolutely anyone is welcome – it doesn't matter what stage your faith is at. If you are interested, please sign the sheet in the porch – just so Susanna has an idea of where to hold it.

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Attention! Parents of children who have just made their First Holy Communion: if you have given Susanna a baptismal certificate and not collected it, please collect it from the parish office at your

convenience. There is someone there in the mornings from 9am.

Dates for Diary

Tuesday 21st June

2.30pm Milford Lodge Mass please note the change from the usual time of 2PM.

8pm UCM LCR, Walsingham remembered.

Sunday 26th June

John Henry Newman summer BBQ Party 12-3pm. See pupils and students perform music and drama in the new pavilion building. *Food:* BBQ gourmet burgers, Filipino Food, Tea Room, ‘Make a Shake’, Tuck shop, Popcorn, Candy Floss. *Stalls and games:* Soak the Teacher, Splash Zone, Giant Water Catapult, and more. Year 7 Football Tournament, second hand uniform, bags2school. *Grand Raffle* 1st prize £200, JHN Catholic School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage. SG1 4AE

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Future Dates

June 21 to 26 The Life of Christ - Wintershall, Guildford June 21-26. You can still get tickets! Trish would love to share this experience with members of our church and therefore encourages all who are able to think about attending. Full details on <https://www.wintershall-estate.com/events/the-life-of-christ/>

June 29 6.30-9.30pm Seminar on Pastoral Approach to Suicide Prevention and Coping with Grief at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN. For info 020 7821 8865 or email info@consolecounselling.co.uk

July 28 Lourdes 9 days by coach, no overnight travel, full board 3* Grand Hotel Basilique Lourdes £520 per person sharing, departs London Victoria Coach Station 28th July 2016. For details contact [Adrian Duffy Northern Star Travel Ltd](#) Europa House, Barcroft Street, Bury, BL9 5BT (t) 0161 763 8722

Other items of interest

Mobility Scooter going for a donation to the church. It hasn't been driven for a couple of years but is holding a charge. The instruction manual that came with it is available. It is not a small folding one and needs to be collected either with a van or someone who would drive it away and cope if the battery went flat (just in case it is wearing out) Kane and Able provide and fit the batteries. Ideal for someone who cannot afford to buy one new (it cost about £300) Contact Mary Deuchar on 01462 620336.