



# 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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2<sup>nd</sup> July – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016 14th 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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**Diary**

<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	Coffee Morning – Meditation Groups
<b>Monday 4th</b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Christian Meditation Group LCR11.15-12.30pm
<b>Tuesday 5th</b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	<b>No Bethany Club</b> Choir practice Church 8pm
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
<b>Thursday 7th</b>	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
	Thinking About Life and Faith Pastoral Office 7.30pm
<b>Friday July 8th</b>	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina - Pastoral Office 2pm
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	Coffee Morning – Diapalante

**Readings: Is 66:10-14, Gal 6:14-18, Luke 10:1-12.17-20**

Entrance antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.  
Psalm: **Cry out with joy to God all the earth.**  
Intercessions: In your Mercy Lord  
Response: **Give Us Your Peace**

**Next week Is 66:10-14, Gal 6:14-18, Luke 10:1-12.17-20**

**This week's counting teams:**

**Sunday Team 7 Monday Team 3**

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**No cash for the collection? Just text Parish HITCH to 70800 to donate £5.**  
See posters in porch.

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**Ramblings for Reflection:** The mathematician in me thinks: Wow! They went to 36 towns and villages (the 72). They did not have a particularly good understanding of Jesus. There's no indication that they received any special formation apart from journeying with Jesus: listening seeing, experiencing Jesus. No exams or qualifications needed or required. But, Jesus had confidence in them, trusted them, and they knew it and probably set out before they even asked themselves: *What have I let myself in for??* Then they come back full of joy. Do you see a connection?



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.



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.

The only experience many of us have of Jesus is hearing/reading the gospel. Experiencing that presence when we join together to pray and celebrate. And see the effect, from time of time, Jesus has on the lives of those around us and ourselves. There's a lot we do not understand about Jesus but each of us is one of the 72. Jesus has confidence and trust in you and sends you out. So if you want to experience the Joy Pope Francis often talks about, just go out and do it!! (Thanks Nike!)

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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 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm until 9pm and continues on Thursday evenings each week in the Pastoral office. 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.

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**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](mailto:grahamfelton@ntlworld.com)

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For those parents who have not yet collected your child's Baptismal Sacramental Journey folder, please go to the Parish Administrator's office for collection. There are also a few First Holy Communion certificates that still need collecting – these are also in the Parish Administrator's Office. Thank you.

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There will be no Mass at Elmside on 6<sup>th</sup> July as our Priests are away

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There will be a second collection on 10th July in aid of The Apostleship of the Sea

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**Reminder for UCM members** that the coach for Walsingham leaves from Shefford at 8am prompt on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

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**Altar Serving Training** – Training for new Altar Servers will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm in the Church. The sessions last between 45 and 60 minutes.

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**Bethany Club** – Are you able to spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday Lunchtime between 12.30pm and 1.30pm? If so, please contact Jeannie Sherriff for further details. Thank you.



The next meeting will be on Monday 4th July at 8pm in the Lower Committee Room and everyone is invited to attend.

Meanwhile could you put aside any items suitable for sale at the fair? In September we will place baskets for collecting goods which will include bottles and jars, produce, new items, good quality bric a brac, toys and games. On the day we will be looking for cakes and plants. At the moment we are compiling a list of 'promises' for the auction. If you can offer to cut and style hair, bake a cake, cook a meal, do some gardening or promise any service at all, please contact Pam Brannigan (01462 632587 or email [pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com](mailto:pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com)) who will send you a form to complete.

### **Future dates**

**July 15** 7pm in the Church. **Susan Brown is holding a Thanksgiving Evening** as she retires from Our Lady School this year. It will be the opportunity for her to say 'thank you' to all the people she has known during her time at Our Lady school. She will recall some of the events and important happenings which have taken place in her headship. Everyone is welcome and the school's PTA is kindly organising refreshments afterwards.

### **Other items of interest**

A Hitchin family attending one of our Hitchin churches require a two/three bedroomed house to rent from August. Their current landlord requires his house back and has given them notice to quit. If anyone knows of anything which may be suitable please contact Liz Turner [liz.turner@talktalk.net](mailto:liz.turner@talktalk.net) or telephone 01462456665.

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**Growing Ability** is an organisation that works through horticulture with people with disabilities and meet at Ransom's Recreational ground where they have an allotment. They are presently looking for an outdoor table that will seat 8 people. Does anyone have a garden table they no longer need and could donate to them please? Or even two smaller ones that they could push together? If you can help please contact Liz McElroy on [liz@trianglergarden.org](mailto:liz@trianglergarden.org)

### **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