



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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9th July – 16th July 2016 15th Sunday in ordinary time Year C



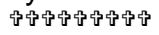
Mass Times
Saturday anticipating 6pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm
Monday – Saturday 10am
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am

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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.



Diary

Sunday 10th	Coffee Morning – Diapalante
Monday 11th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Christian Meditation Group UCR – 11.45am
Tuesday 12th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club – 9am-4pm
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm
	No Choir Practice until 16 August
Wednesday 13th	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
Thursday 14th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
	Thinking About Life and Faith Pastoral Office 7.30pm
Friday 15th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina - Pastoral Office 2pm
	Susan Brown Thanksgiving service 7pm Church
Sunday 17th	Coffee Morning – One World Group

Readings: Deut 30:10-14, Col 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37

Entrance antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Psalm: **Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.**

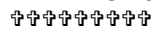
Intercessions: Lord, as you love us...

Response: **May we love our neighbour!**

Next week Readings Gen 18:1-10, Col 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team 1 Monday Team 4



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



CAFOD just one world Collection will be taken after all masses next weekend (16/17th July) gift aid envelopes will be available in the porch or collectors.

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.

Ramblings for Reflection:

Who is My Neighbour?

In response to this question, most of us would say: everyone is my neighbour, although loving some of them is very, very difficult indeed!! The story of the Good Samaritan is well known and loved. It is however, a story for a particular people, in a particular context, at a particular time in their history. Many will offer helpful explanations full of insight into the story but once this is done the story loses its value. A good story invokes a spirit and an atmosphere in the listener, and the telling of the story is very important in this. For me the Samaritan had a heart that always reached out to others, a heart that sought the wellbeing of others for whom everyone was important, valued and valuable to society and in the end to his own life. At the same time it tells me that he is a reflection of God's love for each of us, that we are valued, important – in fact unique – and valuable members of his family; a God who will do anything for our well-being. The story inspires me to want to be like that, too, and to reflect that kind of loving God. And I also believe that of you, who read this reflection, with all my heart.

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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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Dates for Diary

Wednesday 13 July

2.30pm Mass at Foxholes off the Pirton Road. All parishioners welcome

Thursday 14 July

7.30pm Thinking About Life and Faith, which began last week, continues on Thursday evenings each week in the Pastoral office.

Friday 15 July

7pm in the Church. Susan Brown is holding a Thanksgiving Evening as she retires from Our Lady's School. Everyone is welcome and the school's PTA is kindly organising refreshments afterwards.

Saturday 16 July

1pm Wedding of Stephanie Fernandes and Philip Baxter in our church. They warmly invite all parishioners to share this joyful moment with them.

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A Big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Meditation Coffee Morning. The sum of £131 was raised and will go to the World Community for Christian Meditation who provide CD's, Magazines, Day and Residential Courses.

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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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ALTAR SERVER
A JOB SO BIG ONLY A KID CAN DO IT

Are you the sort of person who notices what needs to be done? Do you ever wish you could be more active during Mass? Would you like to help the congregation and the priest in an important and unique task?

Why not join our altar servers? You would be fully trained. You would learn about why things are done the way they are during the Mass and you would work as part of a team, assisting the priest in celebrating the Mass. It would be a regular commitment and your times of service would be on a rota, so you need to be reliable. Please think about helping to make our Mass celebrations really good! We need you! If you have made your first communion and want to help speak to a pastoral assistant, Priest or MC after Mass.

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Masters of Ceremony (MC) at Mass We need more adults (young and old) to help with the Mass and support the Priest in setting things up before Mass and helping our altar server team during the Masses. Full training is available. Please do think about helping in this way. Please speak to a pastoral assistant, Priest or MC after Mass if you want to find out more.

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12th July 7:15 for a 7:30 pm start the Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group extends an invitation to all interested in inter faith matters to a evening of talks on "Science and Religion - Friends or Foes?" with main speaker the Rev. Martin King. **At the Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6JG.** For further information contact **Reynold Rosenberg: 01707 880941** or via: reynoldrosenberg@yahoo.co.uk