



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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30th July – 6th August 2016 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



Mass Times
Saturday anticipating 6pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am
Monday – Friday 10am (no Sat 10am until September)
Reconciliation during August apply to Priest directly

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Diary

Sunday 31st	Coffee Morning – Live Simply
Monday 1st	Christian Meditation Group UCR – 11.45am
Tuesday 2nd	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club – 9am-4pm
Wednesday 3rd	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
Thursday 4th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 5th	Lectio Divina - Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 7th	Coffee Morning – Check hall to see if available

Readings: Ecc 1:2;2:21-23, Col 3:1-5.9-11, Luke 12:13-21

Entrance antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalm: **O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.**

Intercessions: Lord Hear Us...

Response: **Teach Us To Love You!**

Next week : Wis 18:6-9, Heb 11:1-2.8-19, Luke 12:32-48

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team 4 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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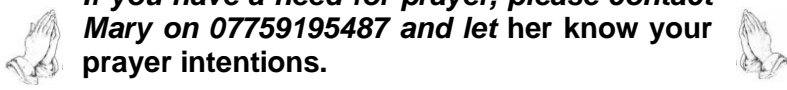
There will not be Mass on Saturdays at 10am starting 30 July and for the whole of August. Also there will not be Mass on Sunday at 5pm starting 31 July and for the whole of August. For the sacrament of reconciliation please speak to the priest directly after Mass to arrange a time



If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify the RC Chaplain Rev. Anthony Curran (Deacon) on Tel: **01438 285138**
Via text message: **07876 526935**
Email: chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net

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.

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:

The original meaning of vanity was *empty* or *without any value*. Mirrors can now breathe a sigh of relief!! As our concern for creation and the climate heightens, Jesus talks to us about land, the earth, our Mother. A family dispute about land asks the question, can we really own the land that feeds and nurtures us, keeps us alive and protects us if we don't abuse it?? In the story about the rich man, Jesus does not speak about his riches being the problem. The man of the story foolishly thought he owned the gifts that the land offered him when the gifts of the earth are to be shared, as are all gifts. Most people know that you cannot own LOVE. You can show love and you can receive love but love cannot be owned. Love is fluid, has to be lived with reverence and with deep, deep respect. If only we could learn to love the earth in this way and allow the earth to love us, rather than exploit it, abuse it, refuse its love! Spend time this summer breathing in the air of creation, be touched by its love, its reverence and respect for you and in return it will put you in touch with the beauty and love of its Creator, just as any mother would do!

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Cardinal statements following BREXIT Please see on the noticeboard a statement made by the Cardinal following BREXIT and there are links to two interviews he gave which may be of interest.

Bishop's Conference website

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Hate-Crime>

Songs of Praise interview of 17th July

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006ttc5/episodes/player>

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Confirmation! Young people who will be in Y9 or above, next year: you are invited to consider preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. We will meet every two weeks on Sunday evenings, 6pm - 8pm from October, with a 'Getting to know you' session in September. We are running a new course this year and hope it will be lively, thought provoking and useful for deciding whether you are ready to take this step in the development of your faith. Application form and more information from the Link (down the steps towards the hall).

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Contacting the Catholic Chaplain @ The Lister Hospital, Stevenage. If you are admitted to the hospital please let the staff know if you would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain. The Chaplain & volunteers offer a friendly face, a listening ear, and a chance to talk through thoughts

and concerns & to offer prayer, religious care and to arrange the celebration sacraments in the hospital. The Catholic Chaplain - Rev. Anthony Curran (Deacon) - can be contacted: Office Tel: [01438 285138](tel:01438285138) (24/7) Urgent need: [01438 314 333](tel:01438314333) Via text message: [07876 526935](tel:07876526935) Email: chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net

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Derek Shipman is celebrating his 80th birthday on 11th August and invites you all to come 2-6pm to celebrate and thank God for all his blessings. 10 Freewaters Close, Ickleford. No presents please, just your presence!

Dates for Diary

Sunday 31st July

1pm onwards: All parishioners are invited to a Filipino Family Garden Party at 149 Bedford Road, Hitchin. Entrance is £5.00 per head, children under 8 free. All proceeds will go to Banal Na Pag-Aaral (Holy Studies), a Filipino prayer group.

Wednesday 3rd August

11am Mass at Elmside. All parishioners are welcome.

Future Dates

July 30 & 31

12-5pm FUCHSIA FESTIVAL at THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, CALDECOTE, SG7 5LD. Display by the Beds.and Herts. Fuchsia Society. Refreshments. Fuchsia plant sale. Entrance free. Donations will be welcomed and will be used solely for the restoration of this beautiful little redundant church. Note: The church has no toilet facilities.

Aug 4

7.30pm To coincide with the first Syrian Refugee families arriving in Hitchin and Letchworth under the HMG Vulnerable Persons Scheme, [Herts Welcomes Syrian Families](#) (HWSF) has arranged a public meeting at the Minority Ethnic Forum in Whinbush Road at 7.30pm. They will pleased to welcome members of all churches to attend. Full details John White on 07803 203459 or 01462 421950

Aug 4

Day trip to Walsingham space available Coach departs from St Hughes Catholic Church Letchworth, SG6 3TP at 8.30 am. £20 per person including children. Contact Aimee Barnes Tel 01462 683504 (Tuesdays to Fridays 9.30 to 12.30) Brilliant workshop and events for teenagers and a great family day out.