



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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6th – 13th August 2016 19th 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 7th	Coffee Morning – Healing Ministry
Monday 8th	Christian Meditation Group UCR 11.45am
Tuesday 9th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am-3pm
	Eucharistic service Church 7.15pm
Wednesday 10th	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
Thursday 11th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 12th	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 14th	Coffee Morning – EDAID

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

Entrance antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.
Psalm: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.
 Intercessions: **Lord in your Mercy...**
 Response: **Hear Our Prayer!**

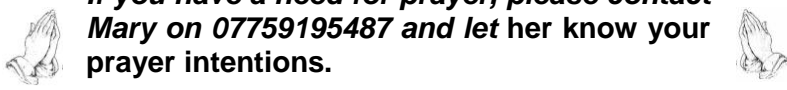
Next week : Apoc 11:19,12:1-6.10, Cor 15:20-26, Lk 1:39-56



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.

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.

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team 5 Monday Team 4
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No cash for the collection? Just text Parish HITCH to 70800 to donate £5.
 See posters in porch.

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 apply to the Priest after Mass.

Thank you for your generosity and support for last week's Live Simply coffee morning which raised £111.20. Thank you also to all the parish members who baked, donated items and assisted on the day!

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:

FAITH is a little bit like AIR we can break it down into its constituent parts and understand it but it is so much more than that because we can't live without it! This week the focus is more on the element of TRUST which is always supported by its two henchmen or henchwomen: Love and Hope. Every stage and every moment of our lives is dependent on and moulded by trust. We are given the supreme example of trust in Abraham our forefather. But, for a moment, let us pause and reflect on how much God TRUSTS US! God chose us to be members of his family, missionaries of his love and goodness, healing and forgiveness, joy and compassion. Despite the times we get it wrong, follow deviations, even turn against God, God continues to place his full trust in us. God believes in our ability to reach our full potential: to make God's name known and loved. And we do this, not because we might be punished if we don't but of out of immense gratitude, in response to the love received and because our trust finds its fulfilment in God's trust in us!

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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. Please pick up an application form and more information from the Link (down the steps towards the hall).

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION If you have a child in Y3 or above and think that he or she is ready to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, please take an application form from the table in the porch and return it, completed, by 10th September. Part of the process is an informal Family Chat with Fr Tom before the course begins, so please sign up for the appointment of your choice on one of the sheets in the Link (down the steps from the church porch).
Dates for this begin on September 12th.

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A Parishioner has lost a red Missal Mass Book in the Church. If anyone has found it, please contact the Parish Office. Thank You.

Dates for Diary

Tuesday 9th

Commemoration of the execution of Blessed Franz Jagerstatter.

Find out more about Franz here.

<http://paxchristi.org.uk/resources/peace-people-2/blessed-franz-jagerstatter/>We have an ecumenical service in the Crypt Chapel, Westminster Cathedral at 6.30 pm, followed by the interfaith pilgrimage to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park for Nagasaki day commemorations

Wednesday 10th

There will be Mass at Foxholes at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

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There will be a Praise Group Meeting after 10am Mass. The Group meet in the Lower Committee Room singing hymns relevant to the previous month's Liturgy. All are welcome.

Future Dates

Aug 19 All Night Prayer Meeting 10pm till 4am Built on Faith Apostolic Church will be hosting an all-night prayer meeting at New Testament Church of God, Hampden Rd, Hitchin SG4 0LB. We will be soliciting Gods presence and praying that He would send a revival in Hitchin and restore relationships, bring families back together, bring physical and spiritual healing and set the captives free. We will also be praying for officials in high office that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit to make the right policies. Please come and join us because together we are much stronger. The Bible says in 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

For more information, contact: Pastor Donald Smith on 07737 451105 or email: bof_biblewaychurch@yahoo.co.uk.

Light refreshments will be served at the end

Other items of Interest

Joan Dalton has an exercise bike to give away. If you would like it, you will need to collect (it is heavy). If interested, please contact the Parish office. Thank You.

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Parishioner looking for work in child minding, cleaning, office junior and customer service roles. Available from 24th August, all week any hours. Email lauralambie1995@yahoo.co.uk