



# 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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13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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

<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – Assumption Feast
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Christian Meditation Group UCR 11.45am
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am-3pm
	Eucharistic service Church 7.15pm
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – One World Group

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

Entrance antiphon: Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, who today were exalted above the choirs of Angels into eternal triumph with Christ.  
Psalm: **On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.**  
Intercessions: Father hear us...  
Response: **As we honour Mary's glorious Assumption!**

**Next week : Is 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7,11-13, Luke 13:22-30**



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](mailto: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 6 Monday Team 1**  
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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 and Sunday at 5pm for the whole of August. For the Sacrament of Reconciliation please apply to the Priest after Mass.

**For the Feast of the Assumption:** you are all invited to offer a toast with the Assumptionists in honour of Our Lady of the Assumption in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 Mass. To thank you for the inspiration and example you give as true Assumptionists. **Fr Tom and Community.**

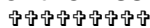
### Faith Development Helpline

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:** How can we truly thank and praise God for given us Mary, Jesus' mother, the Mother of God, as our mother. Words are utterly inadequate. The Assumption is about Mary being lifted up, raised up wholly to heaven. For us Assumptionists, Mary is our patron, our model, our support, our encouragement. On this feast we share in her experience of being lifted up, strengthened, and recognised as one who is loved by God, and valued in a way that casts aside all doubt, all fear, all mistakes of the past. Why else would God give us someone as special as Mary to be our mother? Today, you, too, are our Assumptionist brothers and sisters! For those of us who have lost our mothers, we see them in the company of Mary in heaven – as is the case of all mothers. Mary reminds us of the specialness and love our mothers had and have for us. For those whose mothers still live today, Mary helps us see the specialness of their love, how much we are valued. The Assumptionist motto is *"Thy Kingdom Come"*. Today, Mary reminds us that the Kingdom of God is truly a family that reaches beyond blood, culture and tradition. We are proud to be followers of her Son, to have her as our Mother. Watch over us Mary, help us to continue to strengthen the family of the Kingdom by modelling your love. Our Lady of the Assumption, Pray for us!



Parents of children who are in Y3 or above and who think their child is ready to be prepared for the sacraments of **Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** should fill in and submit an application form by 10 September. There are forms in the porch (on the left as you go out) or on the parish website. You also need to sign up for a Family Chat with Father Tom. The sign up sheets are on the parish board in the porch. Choose the day and time most convenient to you. Dates begin on 12 September.



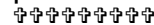
**Confirmation!** Young people who will be in Y9 or above, next year: you are invited to consider preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. We will meet every two weeks on Sunday evenings, 6pm - 8pm from October, with a 'Getting to know you' session in September. We are running a new course this year 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).



Please take a copy of the Foodbank Newsletter from the table in the porch.



**Help needed to compile children's colouring packs.** We need someone to help sharpen pencils and fill the packs with pencils and colouring sheets each week. Takes about an hour and can be done at home if you are able to collect the box and bring it back before 6pm Mass on Saturday. Please speak to Trish if you can help.



**Thank you** for your generosity and support for last week's Healing Ministry Coffee Morning which raised £101.40. Thank you also to all the Parish members who baked, donated items and assisted on the day.

### Dates for Diary

#### Tuesday 16 August

**2.30pm Mass at Milford Lodge** All parishioners welcome.

#### Friday 19 August

**10pm-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 seeking God's presence and praying that He would send a revival in Hitchin, restore relationships, bring families back together, bring physical and spiritual healing and set the captives free. Please come and join us.

### Other items of interest

#### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT TEAM

One day retreat of quiet reflection Saturday 20th August 2016 11am – 5pm at The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR



#### Mission Direct opportunity Job vacancy

Mission Direct is an International Christian charity working in 11 different countries to build infrastructure for local community projects using teams of self-funded volunteers. It is looking for an enthusiastic administrative assistant to support its busy office in Burymead Road, Hitchin on a voluntary basis.

Duties will include processing Volunteer Application Forms and donations onto database, preparation of information, acceptance, fundraising and welcome home packs, collating and sending volunteer info as required, and taking and passing on telephone messages. If you are interested in learning more please contact Jackie Johnston by email at [jackie.johnston@missiondirect.org](mailto:jackie.johnston@missiondirect.org). For more information about Mission Direct, go to [www.missiondirect.org](http://www.missiondirect.org).