



CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



Newsletter No 1696

20th – 27th August 2016 21st 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 21st	Coffee Morning – One World Group
Monday 22nd	Christian Meditation Group UCR 11.45am
Tuesday 23rd	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am-3pm
	Eucharistic service Church 7.15pm
Wednesday 24th	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
Thursday 25th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 26th	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 28th	Coffee Morning – M S Society

Readings: Is 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7.11-13, Luke 13:22-30

Entrance antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Psalm: **Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.**

Intercessions: Lord when we knock...

Response: **Help us to enter by the narrow door!**

Next week : Ecc 3:17-20. 28-29, Heb 12:18-19.22-24, Lk 14:1.7-14

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team 7 Monday Team 2
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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 and Sunday at 5pm for the whole of August. For the Sacrament of Reconciliation please apply to the Priest after Mass.
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CAFOD collection will be taken after all Masses this weekend. Gift aid envelopes are available in the porch or from the collectors.
just one world

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



Hospital

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.



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 I sit lazing in the Yorkshire Sun "ba tat!" as I pen these few thoughts. Hebrews raises the old chestnut of suffering and trials presented as times of testing. Rather appropriate as Team GB at Rio is discovering new talent in gymnastics, cycling and sailing and several other sports. Ask any of the successful athletes how they achieved their success and they would speak of sacrifices made and pushing training to the limit day after day after day. What is of more interest is the tribute the athletes give to their families and the many people who help them behind the scenes who contributed to their success - all of whom will take pride in the success of the athlete. They have certainly chosen the 'narrow gate'. So, just think what the choosing the narrow gate could do for you. It will bring out the best in you that will not only strengthen your family and friends but others too. Isn't this the best way to give glory to God?

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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.



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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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Our next service of Healing and Wholeness and Anointing is 4th

September at 3pm for all who feel the need; the sacrament of Reconciliation is also offered. We come to pray with and for people in need of healing during this time – so there is a general invitation to the Parish to come along and join in.



Michaelmas

Fair

SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Many thanks to all those who have offered to help at the fair on the day or to help set up on the previous afternoon and evening. Thanks also to those who have offered goods or services for the popular 'Promises Auction.' We would like some more so do contact me or Trish for details. This year the theme will be 'Treasure' and will include an Aladdin's Cave and a Treasure Hunt as well as our usual favourite stalls. We will need some of your treasures too so from next weekend (27/28th) baskets will be in the porch for good quality toys and games. The baskets will be emptied each day or if you would like your goods to be collected please contact me Pam Brannigan (01462 632587)

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A very generous parishioner has offered us a free skip so that we can get rid of all the garden rubbish that we have built up since last year opposite the priests lounge. This will also coincide with clearing out the garage. Please could we have as many hands (and wheelbarrows) as possible on **Saturday 3rd September from 9am** to load up the skip and get rid of the heap once and for all. We can then concentrate on building proper compost bins that we can actively access and use. This will replace the usual monthly gardening session.

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Other dates for your diary

Sept 3

12 Hour Online-TV Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Mother Teresa New Catholic UK TV Channel Launch. See events on parish website for more details.

Other items of interest

A parishioner needs a cleaner for a couple of hours a week. If you are able to help can you please contact Michael Mansi on 07472727510.

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Does anyone have any 4-5year old girl **school uniform for Our Lady's school** going spare. We have a young family who are in need of extra uniform for their daughter who is starting in September. If you are able to help please contact Trish on 07801 752141.

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