



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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27th August – 03 September 2016 22nd 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 28th	Coffee Morning – MS Society
Monday 29th	Christian Meditation Group UCR 11.45am
Tuesday 30th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am-3pm
	Eucharistic service Church 7.15pm
Wednesday 31st	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
Thursday 1st	St Pio Prayer Meeting 10am Church & Hall after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 2nd	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 4th	Coffee Morning – OLSSG

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

Entrance antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.
Psalm: **In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.**
Intercessions Lord, help us to keep your Word
Response: **For we are your humble servants!**

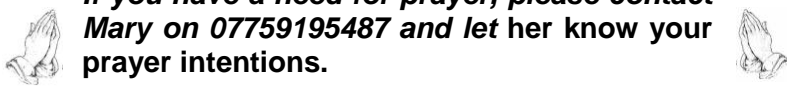
Next week: Is 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7.11-13, Luke 13:22-30



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

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 1 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.

There will be a second collection (11th September) in aid of Catholic Education.

A message from Derek Shipman:

Thank you everybody for the cards, gifts, Masses and donations for charity on my 80th birthday. May God grant me a long happy life. God bless you all. Derek.

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:

Humility has always been a troubling issue. Once again the Olympics offer us a clue to its understanding. Mo Farah seemed astonished but was extremely thankful for having achieved a double Gold, like many of the other successful athletes; despite all the effort and sacrifices he and others had made to realise their achievement. They all suggested that their success was something shared. So humility has something to do with the awareness we have of others not ourselves. Maybe that's it. Humility refuses to put "I" or "ME" first. Humility encourages us to live life with and for others not for any reward (in this world or the next). It is as though humility recognises that life would be terrible and ultimately lead to loneliness unless there were other people with whom life could be shared – which is what heaven is all about! Humility is always grateful for what is received and is able to see the setbacks and trials of life as something positive, as an opportunity to reach out to others. Most of all, the truly humble person would never think of themselves as humble but would be able to recognise those who were!!

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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 APPLICATIONS

It's time to apply if your child is in Y3 or above! Forms are on the table on the left as you leave the church and online on our website under Sacramental Preparation under the First Holy Communion tab. You also need to sign up on the sheet in the porch for a Family Chat with Fr Tom as soon as possible. Thank you!

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Our next Healing and Wholeness service is on the 4th September at 3pm at Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew Church. You are all very welcome. For more info contact: Mary Hollingdale memholl@aol.com

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Details of the GCSE exam results for JHN will be published next week. In the meantime, please see information on statistics on notice board in porch.

MICHAELMAS FAIR 8TH OCTOBER Thank you for all donations. Next week we are asking for books in very good condition for both children and adults. Please put in the red basket in the porch or contact Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) who will collect them from your home.

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The Bethany Club needs some kitchen scales can anyone help.

Dates for Diary

Tuesday 30th August

7.15pm At the Eucharistic Service we will be praying especially for the people of Italy following the devastating earthquake on Wednesday. Please come to add your prayers

Thursday 1st September

10am The Saint Pio Prayer Meeting will include Holy Mass for the members followed by the Rosary, tea and biscuits and meditations in the Hall

Other items of interest

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, AYLESFORD, Bank Holiday - 29th August 2016, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Main Celebrant Bishop Pat Lynch, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark, pilgrimage is led by Marian Fathers. Programme: 10:00 am Welcome; 10:15 am Talk; 10:45 am Praise and Worship; 11:00 am Talk; 12 noon Holy Mass; 2:00 pm Divine Mercy Procession; 3:00 pm Hour of Mercy, Exposition, Chaplet; 4:00 pm Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy & Relic of St Faustina.

More information: Marian Fathers, Divine Mercy Apostolate, 1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY (Ealing) Tel: 020 8998 0925, info@divinemercy.org.uk

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A reminder that the next Grand Organ Festival concert at Westminster Cathedral takes place on Wednesday 31st August at 7.30pm. Juan de la Rubia of Sagrada Familia, Barcelona will be our recitalist this month. He will playing four pieces by Bach, also Franck Choral No.2 in B Minor

Vierne Claire de lune

Durufle Choral

Wagner Entry of the Gods into Valhalla

Tickets are £12 (£10 concessions) and are available on the door on the night. The recital will last around 75 minutes, and there is no interval. See website for full listing

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