



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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8th October – 15th October 2016 28th Sunday in ordinary time Year C



Mass Times	
Saturday anticipating 6pm	
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm	
Monday – Saturday 10am	
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am	
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Diary

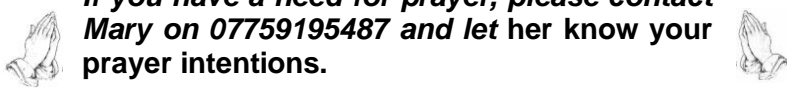
Sunday 9th	Coffee Morning – KISS
	Confirmation Inscripton Mass 10.30am
Monday 10th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Christian Meditation Group UCR 11.45am
Tuesday 11th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am-3pm
	Eucharistic service Church 7.15pm Choir Practice Church 8pm
Wednesday 12th	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
	Thinking about Life and Faith LCR 7.30-9pm
Thursday 13th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 14th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Saturday 15th	Jumble Sale–Scout Hut 10-11.30am
Sunday 16th	Coffee Morning – One World Group
	Confirmation Hall 3-5pm



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.



Readings: : Kings 5:14-17, Tim 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.
Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Intercessions: O Merciful Lord....
Response: **Let us always give praise and thanks to God!**

Next week : Ex 17:8-13, Tim 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8

This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team: 7 Monday Team: 1



No cash for the collection? Just text Parish HITCH to 70800 to donate £5.

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:

Cicero once said "Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others." More recently, Eileen Caddy said "Gratitude helps you to grow and expand; gratitude brings joy and laughter into your life and into the lives of all those around you." Naaman wanted to show his gratitude by taking the soil of Israel to his homeland out of respect of the God who cured him. The Samaritan came back to thank Jesus for healing him from Leprosy. Gratitude recognises the goodness (and the love) that lies behind the gesture of even the smallest act of kindness. It recognises that everything received is gift, including the air breathed, the ground walked upon, the sun, the wind and the rain. True gratitude recognises the mystery present in every gift as a mystery that speaks powerfully of the presence of a God of love and of life; of a God who seeks to lead us into the wholeness of life. This mystery draws us deeper and deeper into the wonderful and awesome presence of a God who empowers, sustains, heals and energises. Hopefully, as we have been living this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we have grown in gratitude for the mercy God has shown us and been gradually transformed by its presence and thus been able to bring more laughter into the lives of those around us??

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collection will be taken after all Masses next weekend (15/16th October) Gift aid envelopes will be available in the porch or from the collectors. Harvest Fast Day envelopes can also be handed in at the same time.

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Very many thanks to everyone who supported the fair in any way this weekend. There will be a list of raffle prize winners in the porch on Sunday morning so do check the board to see if you were lucky. We will have an idea of the proceeds by next weekend and these will be used to support parish projects and an education centre in Senegal. There are some unsold items in the Hall after Sunday morning Masses so do come in to get a bargain. The planning group welcome your comments on the fair so if you have any do contact Pam Brannigan (pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com)

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On **Monday 17 October** we need to take all items left over from the Jumble Sale and Michaelmas Fair to the Garden House Hospice warehouse in Letchworth. The more people and cars that turn up the quicker the job will be and hopefully with enough cars everyone will only have to make once journey. Can you come to our Scout hall for 9am and then we can begin to load up then. Let Trish

know if you are able to help. Thanks in anticipation.

Dates for Diary

Wednesday 12 October

10.30am **Praise Group** meeting in the LCR. All are welcome.

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2.30pm **Mass at Foxholes** celebrated by Fr Tom. All are welcome.

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7.30pm **RCIA** (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meeting in the Lower Committee Room.

Saturday 15 October



10-11.30am

Following the

Michaelmas Fair we will have a jumble sale to clear items that are left over from the Fair. You may have clothing or other items you would like to donate to this also. We need:

1. Jumble to be brought to the parish on 14th October (as no where to store it before then) Before 12.30pm you can leave jumble in the porch. After that bring it to the Scout Hall.
2. Help from **2pm** on **14th Oct** to help sort jumble in the scout hall
3. Help from **9.45am – 12.15pm** on the 15th October to sell the jumble and clear up after 11.30.

We would be very grateful for any help you can offer.

Sunday 16 October

6.30pm **Churches Together in Hitchin** Music Praise in our church. Please come to support our choir . It will make your spirits soar!

AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 2 IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORD

The Bible is full of families, births, love stories and family crises. This is true from its very first page, with the appearance of Adam and Eve's family with all its burden of violence but also its enduring strength (Genesis 4) to its very last page, where we behold the wedding feast of the Bride and the Lamb (Rev 21:2,9).



At the centre (of the family) we see the father and mother, a couple with their personal story of love.

The majestic early chapters of Genesis present the human couple in its deepest reality. Those first pages of the Bible make a number of clear statements. The first, which Jesus paraphrases, says that "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1: 27). It is striking that the 'image of God' here refers to the couple. God is the Creator (and) the fruitfulness of the human couple is a living and effective 'image', a visible sign of his creative act."