



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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15th October – 22nd October 2016 29th 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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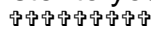
Diary

Sunday 16th	Coffee Morning – One World Group
	Confirmation Hall 3-5pm
	Music Praise Church 6.30pm
Monday 17th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Christian Meditation Group UCR 11.45am
Tuesday 18th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am-3pm
	Eucharistic service Church 7.15pm
	Choir Practice Church 8pm UCM 8pm LCR
Wednesday 19th	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
	Thinking about Life and Faith LCR 7.30-9pm
Thursday 20th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 21st	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 22nd	Coffee Morning – Friends of Gainsford House

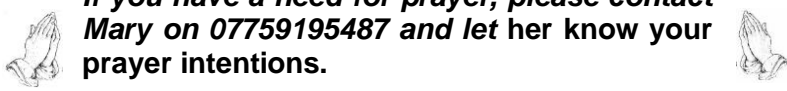


If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify the RC Chaplain Rev. Anthony Curran (Deacon) on Tel: **01438 285138**
Via text message: **07876 526935**
Email: chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net

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

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Psalm: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

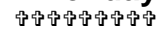
Intercessions: We pray continually....

Response: **That you will find faith on earth.**

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

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 1 Monday Team: 2



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: The letter to Timothy reminds us that all scripture is inspired by God and is able to help, inform and guide the choices and decisions we make, warn us off making errors and set us on the path of being the best we can be i.e. Holy. This can happen without ever having studied the history, make up and cultural background of the stories and writers. All that that does is help us not misinterpret the scriptures. Elsewhere wisdom tells us that it not the answers we have discovered in life that enrich our journey but the questions we have asked along the way. My Gospel question is: What kind of Justice will God see done? And will it be the same as what I believe Justice to be? I hope (and believe) justice is not about slaughtering people as in Moses day. But the really perplexing question this week is Jesus question: Will Jesus find any faith in us when he returns? And what kind of faith will he be hoping to encounter? Two saints this week Pope John XXIII and Teresa of Avilla were both revolutionaries of faith who broke the trend of the day and turned history on a different course. Each suffered in their own way for the consequences of their decisions but persevered. Both needed the help and support of many others to achieve their goals. Justice and faith requires that we work together to share burdens and successes and to help each other persevere. If our faith is right, not only will Scripture (God) help us but we now know that the more care we show creation, of which we are stewards, then the Earth will help us too!

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ONE WORLD GROUP Proceeds from the coffee morning after Masses this Sunday will go to 'The Living Room', a local charity, which supports people recovering from a range of addictions. More information, in the hall.

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CAFOD just one world COLLECTION will be taken after all masses this weekend. Gift aid envelopes are available in the porch.

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

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Our Children's Mass on 23rd October will be in conjunction with the Youth Ministry Team. Please join us and help us encourage our children to enjoy and understand the mass more fully.

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Message from the Gardening Group: Thank you all for your generosity and support for the recent Gardening Group coffee morning, which raised £108.

Michae The support from the parish was wonderful and with the **Imas** Jumble Sale we estimate that **Fair** together we have raised just over £5,000 for parish projects and to support Diapalante's education centre in Senegal. Very many thanks to you all. A notice in the porch shows how much was raised by the raffle, auction, stalls and jumble sale. The planning group will be having a review meeting in a few week's time and we would welcome your comments about the fair for future reference. Please email Pam at (pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com) or phone her on 01462 632587.

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On Sunday 30th October the Youth Ministry Team are organising an All Hallows Eve party from 4 - 6pm, a great alternative to trick or treating. We shall be enjoying lots of traditional games with snacks and drinks. At the end of the party will be taking the light of Christ into the church to teach the children the lighter side of Halloween. Children 6 years and under will need to be accompanied by an adult. Tickets will be on sale after all masses and in the school playgrounds. Alternatively please contact Helen Bailey at hbailey@talktalk.net for more information

Dates for Diary

Monday 17 October

9am Scout Hall Please come to help take leftover items from jumble sale to Garden House Hospice.

Tuesday 18 October

2.30pm Mass at Milford Lodge All parishioners welcome.

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8pm Union of Catholic Mothers. Lower Committee Room a talk by Phil Kirk on metal detecting.

Wednesday 19 October

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

Thursday 20 October

7.30pm North Herts Inter-faith Forum AGM at Walsworth Road Baptist Church. Includes a session with DC Rebecca Driscoll, the newly appointed Anti-Hate Crime Officer. At 8.15pm there will be presentations and discussion on Shi'i and Sunni divisions in Islam, an issue that confuses and disturbs Christians and others.

Future Dates

Oct 17 start

Mark Gospel: A basic handbook for discipleship with Fr John Hemer

This series of talks consist of 6 self-contained lectures. Participants are very welcome to attend all the series or some of the lectures. All the lectures will be audio recorded and available on the diocesan website at <http://rcdow.org.uk/faith/adult-formation/bible-studies/>

Where: Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN

When: 7.00-8.30pm

Mon 17th Oct 2016

Mon 21st Nov 2016.

Mon 23rd Jan 2017

Mon 20th Feb 2017

Mon 13th Mar 2017

Mon 15th May 2017

Registration is required. Email at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk and indicate your name and the date of the event. If you do not have an access to the Internet, please leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £4.

Oct 20

7.30pm-9.30pm Faith Formation for Parents/Guardians, Teachers, Catechists & Helpers, Family & Friends of children preparing to receive First Sacraments (Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) to offer prayerful support on this important journey of Faith with Monsignor Malachy Keegan

(Refreshments from 7.00 pm)

Where: Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Herts. WD23 4EE
Suggested donation £8. Registration is required. Email at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk and indicate your name and the date of the event. If you do not have an access to the Internet, please leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078.

Oct 27

Faith formation for Liturgical Ministers

Proclaim the Word: Faith Formation for Ministers of the Word and & anyone interested in Scripture & Liturgy with Sr Karen Marguerite OP

7.30 – 9.00 pm (Refreshments from 7.00 pm)

Where: Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Herts. WD23 4EE
Repeated in Vaughan House Thursday 2 February 2017, 7.00 pm

Suggested donation £5. Registration is required. Email at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk and indicate your name and the date of the event. If you do not have

an access to the Internet, please leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078.

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Oct 29

Music Ministry Day Taking place at the Centre for Youth Ministry in Euston (NW1 1TA) from 11am-7pm, this day is open to all young people interested in developing their talents in music ministry. For more information follow this link: <http://dowym.com/events/music-ministry-edwin-fawcett/>

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Oct 30

Flanders Field 3.30pm to commemorate the Battle of the Somme at St Mark's Church in Lancaster Road. Includes choral items by Jubilate! under the direction of John Edwards, instrumental music by James Mainwaring, music, verse and narrative. All are welcome - tickets £5 on the door

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Nov 8

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy At Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN

When: 7.00-8.30pm,

Our Merciful God: how are we to hear without someone to proclaim? (cf Rom10,14).

The need for good preaching on Mercy by Sr Karen Marguerite d'Artois OP and Sr Anne Walsh OP

At Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN,

This public talk is for everyone interested. Registration is required. Email at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk and indicate your name and the date of the event. If you do not have an access to the Internet, please leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £4.

Nov 10

My Body: Faith Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & anyone interested learning more about the Eucharist and Lay Ministry in the Church with Sr Anne Walsh OP

7.30—9.00 pm, Refreshments from 7.00 pm

Where: Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Herts. WD23 4EE

Repeated in Vaughan House Thursday 26 January 2017

Suggested donation £5. Registration is required. Email at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk and indicate your name and the date of the event. If you do not have an access to the Internet, please leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078.

Nov 11 7:30pm "An Occasional Evening Talk: **On Recycling**" - by Lizzie Shepherd (Waste Awareness Officer NHDC) at the Upper Hall, Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South, Letchworth, SG6 1NX. To register your interest to attend the talk Group Contact: Katka Kessler - phone: 01462 685645; or e-mail katka.kessler400@gmail.com

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Nov 13 3.30pm The Cardinal will mark the end of the Jubilee of Mercy in the Diocese by closing the Holy Door in the Cathedral in the context of Vespers Archbishop Welby will preach. You are most welcome to attend

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Dec 2-4 **Retreat for Advent Led by the Retreat Team House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0PB**

A weekend silent residential retreat with an individual guide for each retreatant. As well as time for personal prayer, there will also be community prayer, with Scripture, poetry and music.

Arrive on Friday in time for supper at 7pm and leave on Sunday at 4pm. Cost £140 – Advance booking essential.

Please contact us on: 020 8941 2313 or e-mail: houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk to reserve a place.

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Dec 9 6pm – 8:30pm. **Our Lady School Christmas Fayre.** All parishioners welcome. More details to come.

Dec 9 6.30pm **Annual Youth Mass** St Aloysius Parish, Euston Bishop Nicholas leading and the music will be led by Edwin Fawcett and the young music scholars; the evening is a celebration of youth throughout our diocese. Light refreshments will follow Mass – all young people and teenagers are encouraged to take this opportunity to meet their peers from across Westminster

Other items of interest

Tilehouse Street Baptist Church badminton club, is seeking a few new recruits to its pool of players. We meet on Wednesday evening. Games are competitive and friendly. For more information, contact Stephen Copson on 01462 442548Catholic

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History Walks – “For King and Country” – Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday 2 November at 6.30pm and Friday 4 November at 2pm.

“Lift up your Heads O Gates” – Meet on the steps of St Paul’s Cathedral on Wednesday 16 November at 6.30pm and Friday 18 November at 2pm.

“Smells and Bells” London’s Catholic Culture” – Meet on the steps of St-Martin-in-the-Fields Trafalgar Square on Wednesday 7 December at 6.30pm and Friday 9 December at 2pm. Cost £5 per person. See

www.catholichistorywalks.com for details.

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Job opportunities Academic Learning Mentor & Learning Support Assistant THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL. See detail on notice board

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Don't forget to continue to recycle and raise



money for good causes. If you haven't already taken one please grab a poster with all the details from the porch and put it up where it will remind you to bring things when you come to church. **Please note re collection of old pens that pencils and crayons cannot go into this collection but that EDAID collects these items for sending to needy families so please bring them in whenever the One World Group or EDAID have a coffee morning.**

AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 3

The couple that loves and begets life is a true, living icon - capable of revealing God the Creator and Saviour. Fruitful love becomes a symbol of God's inner life (Genesis 1:28, 9:7, 17:2-5,16; 28.3; 35:11; 48:3-4. (And in Genesis there are) various genealogical accounts (4:17-22, 25-26; 5; 10; 11:10-32; 25:1-4, 12-17, 19-26; 36 (signalling) the ability of human couples to beget life is the path along which the history of salvation progresses. Seen this way, the couple's fruitful relationship becomes an image for understanding and describing the mystery of God himself, for in the Christian vision of the Trinity, God is contemplated As Father, Son and Spirit of love. The triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection.