



# 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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22<sup>nd</sup> October – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time Year C



<b>Mass Times</b>	
Saturday anticipating 6pm	
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm	
Monday – Saturday 10am	
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am	
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## Diary

<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	Coffee Morning – Gainsford House
<b>Monday 24th</b>	Christian Meditation Group UCR 11.45am
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am-3pm
	Choir Practice Church 8pm
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
<b>Friday 28th</b>	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – Beavers/Scouts
	All Hallows party Hall 4pm-6pm

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**Psalm: This poor man called; the Lord heard him.**

Intercessions: Lord we pray...

Response: **Be merciful to us.**

**Next week: Wis 11:22-12:2, Thess 1:11-2:2, Luke 19:1-10**

**This week's counting teams:**

**Sunday Team: 2 Monday Team: 3**  
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**No cash for the collection? Just text Parish HITCH to 70800 to donate £5**  
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**No Eucharistic service on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct or 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.** On 1<sup>st</sup> November **Feast of All Saints** there will be Mass at 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm  
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There will be no Parent and Toddler group on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October as this is half term

### 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 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.

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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:

Did you notice that Paul, who was a Pharisee, began his prayer in the same way the the Pharisee did in Jesus parable – outlining all the good things he had done. However, Paul, unlike the Pharisee in the story, sees his future blessing as something received by all who are faithful to God's word. He also recognises the need for forgiveness. The Pharisee in the Gospel only recognises his own glory and disdains anyone below his status. Ecclesiasticus (also known as the Wisdom of Sirach) raises another important point for us today: that is RESPECT. There is always the sense given to this word that we need to *earn* respect i.e. upholding the values and ideals in which we believe by the way that we live. Which, for us, means that we also show respect to those who harm or treat us badly. It does not mean that we condone mistreatment or misbehaviour and do not challenge injustice and ill treatment of any kind. But we still show respect. Sirach tells us that our God always treats us with respect and, like forgiveness, we have to show respect to receive it. Respect is a universal value which we can always develop and strengthen in our lives. One of its great blessings is that it has the power to release the presence of God that has been locked away in the lives of those who have or show little respect to others. Respect, then, must be a constant companion of forgiveness and mercy. So, don't leave home without it!!

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There are still 12 or so vacancies for **Coffee Mornings on Sundays in 2017**. If you would like to be added to the rota, please let me know. Many thanks [cherylsaunders@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cherylsaunders@rcdow.org.uk)

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At the NHIFF (North Herts Inter Faith Forum) AGM on Thursday 20th October, Fr. Tom our parish **priest was welcomed as a committee member and been appointed to be the new vice-chair of NHIFF** for the next 3 years serving with Mr. Bal Sandhu of the Singh Sabha Gurdwara, in Letchworth. We rejoice in Fr. Tom's appointment and wish him all God's blessing and may it bring much fruit to our parish, the local community, and improved relations with other faiths in the North Hertfordshire area

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The Youth Ministry Team are looking to take a group of teenagers to Flame 17 in March next year. Flame 17 is at Wembley arena and is a great opportunity to meet like minded young people, enjoy great, modern worship music and have a lot of fun. Transport will be arranged nearer the time at a discounted rate.

We can get discounted tickets (£15) but need to know in advance how many people would like to come, so please sign up on the sheet in the porch, (under the poster) if you are interested

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## Dates for Diary

**Monday 24**

**11am Mass at Sue Ryder Stagenhoe** with Fr Christopher from Stevenage Old Town. All parishioners welcome. Trish is away so cannot offer a lift.

### Future dates

**Oct 25** 10 am – 12.30 pm—**The Daily Call to Mercy** with Sister Regina McGarry OP and Sr Teresa O'Donovan OP Suggested donation £5

Registration not required but recommended. Niland Conference Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. Tel. 020 8950 4000 or [bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk](mailto:bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk)

**Oct 29** 11am – 5pm **LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT TEAM**

Welcome you to come to a one day Retreat of quiet Reflection at The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR

**Nov 13** 6.15pm **In Memoriam** we will be having our **Annual Service of Commemoration** for our relations and friends and those who have died over the past year in our Parish. All are welcome to come along and light a candle for their own deceased loved ones.

### ORIS 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 true God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection.

