

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 May 2017 – 3rd June 2017 The Ascension of the Lord

Mass Times

Saturday anticipating 6pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm
Monday – Saturday 10am
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am during Exposition

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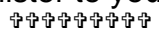
Parish Safeguarding Representative

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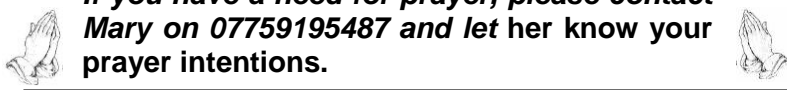


If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify the RC Chaplain Rev. Anthony Curran (Deacon) on Tel: **01438 285138**
Via text message: **07876 526935**
Email: chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net

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.



The Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come

Almighty God,
Your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your word may be drawn to you, through Jesus 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.

Diary

Sunday 28th	Coffee Morning – Live Simply
Monday 29th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 30th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30-4pm
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
Wednesday 31st	Choir Practice Church 8pm
	Rosary Group Hall 9.30am NO RCIA
Thursday 1st	Padre Pio Group Hall 10.30am
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 2nd	Parent & Toddlers Hall 9-11.15am
	Lectio Divina LCR 2-3pm
Sunday 4th	Coffee Morning – Diapalante

This week: Acts:1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Matt 28:16-20

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Psalm: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

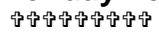
Intercession: Give us a spirit of wisdom.

Response: So we can see the hope you bring.

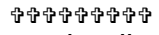
Next week: Acts: 2:1-11, 1Cor 12:3-7.12-13, John 20:19-23

This week's counting teams:

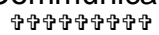
Sunday Team: 5 Monday Team: 2



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



There will be a second collection this weekend in aid of Catholic Communications



In place of our Parish Prayer this week, we will pray together the Novena prayer for Thy Kingdom Come. This is printed on the front page of the Newsletter

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



Ramblings for reflection

How well God understands the way our minds work. After the resurrection, Jesus appeared time, and time, and time again to leave no doubt that he had truly risen. (Even though some were not fully convinced.) Jesus also knew that, if his disciples were ever going to mature in their faith, own their lives, discover the true riches of the Gospel and the depth of his love, he would have to leave them to get on with it! So he did. To reassure them he said many times that whenever they needed his help and guidance, his strength and courage, or just his companionship, he would always be there for them, just as the Father had been there for him. What is truly telling about the Ascension can be found in the following story: "After Jesus ascended into heaven, the angels asked him, "What is going to happen now?" Jesus said, "I have left the future and growth of the Kingdom on earth in the hands of my disciples." Taken aback, the Angels replied, But your disciples let you down when the going got tough in Gethsemane. Won't they fail you again? Jesus just said, I trust them fully!" The Angels persisted, "Don't you have a plan B? Jesus said, "No!!" . . . Only someone with great love can trust people that much. Jesus trusts us completely to fulfil the mission he gave us to spread the Good News. . . . Christ is truly risen, he is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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Viewing Christopher House and the Emmanuel Centre will take place after all Masses this weekend. Please feel free to wander round and see what Parish and Order money has produced for Retired Priests and the Pastoral Centre. Fr Michael will be upstairs and Fr Andrew downstairs. He is coming to visit and see what he wants on June 6th. Fr Michael hopes to move in during the same week. Many thanks are due to all parishioners who have been involved in the planning and setting up of the flats.

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Pentecost weekend: Please do not forget our celebrations next weekend. 6pm Mass for married couples, 8.30am Mass for the 85th birthday of the Guild of Altar Servers, 10.30 Mass for the 40th birthday of our church building (please sign up for the parish picnic afterwards) and 5pm Mass blessing of the sick of the parish. Let's make it a weekend to remember

Dates for Diary

Sunday 28 May



2.30pm We are holding our Service of Healing and Wholeness. Parishioners who feel the need for these gifts are invited to share in this time of prayer,

during which the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing will be celebrated.

Tuesday 30 May

UCM - Reminder visit to Queen Mother Theatre 7.15 pm for 7.30pm

Thursday 1 June

10am Padre Pio Mass and afterwards in the Hall.

Future Dates

June 17

NOTICE FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

There will be a morning of reflection for all Ministers of the Eucharist on Saturday 17 June 2017 – Eve of Feast – Corpus Christi. The morning will begin with Mass in the church at 10am. Coffee will be served in the hall before the session begins. Sr. Mary Crowley will then lead us into reflective time. We will close at 1pm with a shared packed lunch. Please come to be refreshed in thought and prayer for the awesome Ministry that we share. Contact: Teresa Lawrence-Hyde Mobile: 07751886525 Email: teresahyde@btopenworld.com

June 23

Friday There will be a service in the Church for the bereaved and their families and friends at 7.30pm. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Hall. You are all very welcome.

Other Item

A friend of parishioner Pascal Valentin is looking for a summer placement for his daughter, from the 10th July for up to 7 weeks. Ideally she would like to get some experience either in a purchasing or commercial department to practice English and/or Spanish language. She is not seeking any financial contribution from this placement. If you are able to help at your work please contact Pascal on 07717723471

AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 33

The Vocation of the Family continues:

Jesus, who reconciled all things in himself, restored marriage and the family to their original form (Mt 10:1-12).



Marriage and the family has been redeemed by Christ (Eph 5:21-32) and restored in the image of the Holy Trinity, the mystery from which all true love flows.

Through his Church, Christ bestows on marriage and the family the grace necessary to bear witness to the love of God and to live the life of communion.