



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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17th – 24th June 2017 – Corpus Christi

Diary

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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Sunday 18th	Coffee Morning – One World Group
Monday 19th Scout Hall Beavers 6-7pm Cubs 7.15-8.15pm	Parent and Toddlers Hall 9-11.15am
	Christian Meditation Group UCR 11.45am
Tuesday 20th Scouts 7-9pm	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30-4pm
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm
	Choir Practice Church 8pm
UCM Hall 8pm	
Wednesday 21st	Rosary Group Hall 9.30am
	RCIA UCR 7.30pm
Thursday 22nd	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 23rd	Parent & Toddlers Hall 9-11.15am
	Lectio Divina LCR 2-3pm
	Bereavement Service Church & Hall 7.30pm
Sunday 25th	Coffee Morning – Scout Group

This week: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16, Cor 10:16-17, Jn 6:51-52

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
Psalm: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
Intercession: Give us what is good!
Response: **Feed us with your Life!**

Next week: Job 3:1-8-11, 2 Cor 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 1 Monday Team: 1

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

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There will be a second collection **this** weekend in aid of Day for Life. **Next** weekend there will be a second collection in aid of Peter's Pence.

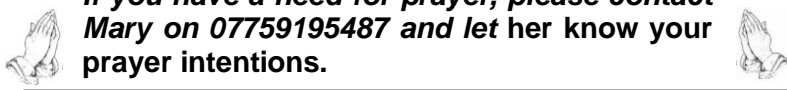


If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify the RC Chaplain Rev. Anthony Curran (Deacon) on Tel: **01438 285138**
 Via text message: **07876 526935**
 Email: chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net

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.

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If you have a need for prayer, please contact Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions.



Parish Prayer Bless this parish, Lord. Let our community reflect your own communion of love. Help us to live peacefully and humbly, attending to the call of your Spirit and mindful of our duty to everything you have created. Strengthen the bonds of our families and friendships with patience and kindness. Make us joyful messengers of your kingdom and a source of comfort for those in need.

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

Do we ever pause to reflect on the sacredness, dignity and power of our lives? Made in the image of God, every part, every element of our lives speaks of the presence and holiness of God. Jesus died and rose again to open us to the fullness of this life, this presence. He sent the Holy Spirit to release the power of goodness and love with which God endowed us so that it would flow through everything we are and do. It is too much to take in! Nevertheless, Jesus doesn't just leave us to get on with it. Jesus remains by our side, continually feeding us with his Body and Blood in the Eucharist, reminding us that we are a community of followers, a family of love and beauty, compassion and generosity, patience and kindness, caring and forgiving. Jesus knows we are stronger and give greater witness together. Hitchin is a loving caring community because the Churches work closely together and with the other Faith Communities in the town. St Augustine said: *"if you want to understand the body of Christ, listen to St Paul: "You are the body of Christ, member for member." [1 Cor. 12.27] If you, therefore, are Christ's body and members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord's table! It is your own mystery that you are receiving! You are saying "Amen" to what you are: your response is a personal signature, affirming your faith. When you hear "The body of Christ", you reply "Amen." Be a member of Christ's body, then, so that your "Amen" may ring true!*

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Brightlights Festival annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16-30) June 23 – 26 in the grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. A weekend of live music from artists including One Hope Project, Guvna B & Written In Kings. Journey together in Faith through liturgy & worship. For info or to book tickets, brightlights.org.uk, 0300 075 0115 or on social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival

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The **LiveSimply** team wants to show our appreciation for the gift of the solar panels on Christopher House paid for by the Augustinians of the Assumption Order for the benefit of our parish. This generous gift is made through Fr. Tom's good offices meaning that the parish buildings will be largely self-sufficient in electricity during daylight hours. This is a significant environmental step in line with the teaching in Laudato Si, and an exemplary act of Christian witness in our times. A longer article is on the parish website.

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A big thank you to everyone who supported the Live Simply Coffee Morning raising £88.10 for the Campaign against the Arms Trade (CAAT). This is in support of Pope Francis' prayer intentions.

Dates for Diary

Sunday 18 June

2nd anniversary of "**Laudato Si**" What a wonderful coincidence that this month is the 40th anniversary of the new Church being built! Our Parish can mark this occasion with a generous gift that will go on giving for many years to come!

Tuesday 20 June

2.30pm Mass at Milford Lodge. All welcome.

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8pm UCM, in the lower committee room, **WALSINGHAM REMEMBERED**

Wednesday 21 June

National Day of Prayer and Fasting for life. On the vigil of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, please Pray and Fast for the end of abortion in this country. Thousands of babies are saved from abortion each year by Catholic, Pro-Life work backed up with your prayer and Fasting www.goodcounselnetwork.com

Friday 23 June

6.30pm Westminster Justice and Peace Commission Prayer Service for Refugees and Migrants around the Lampedusa Cross in Westminster Cathedral side chapel. Followed by a talk in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, at **7.15pm**, from Pawel Zabielski, TB and Health Services Coordinator at Olallo House, centre for Migrants and homeless run by the Brothers of St John of God Hospitaller Services.

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7.30pm Service in the Church hosted by the Bereavement team for the bereaved and their families and friends. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Hall. All very welcome.

Saturday 24 June

12-3PM Our Lady School Fayre, Old Hale Way, Hitchin, SG5 1XT

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The Vocation of the Family continues:

"The incarnation of the Word in a human family, in Nazareth, by its very newness changed the history of the world.



We need to enter into the mystery of Jesus' birth, into that 'yes' given by Mary to the message of the angel, when the Word was conceived in her womb, as well as the 'yes' of Joseph, who gave a name to Jesus and watched over Mary.