



CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



Newsletter No 1740
24th June – 1st July 2017 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 25th	Coffee Morning – Scout Group
Monday 26th Scout Hall Beavers 6-7pm Cubs 7.15-8.15pm	Parent and Toddlers Hall 9-11.15am Christian Meditation Group UCR 11.45am
Tuesday 27th Scouts 7-9pm	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Hall 10.30-4pm Eucharistic Service 7.15pm Choir Practice Church 8pm
Wednesday 28th	Rosary Group Hall 9.30am RCIA UCR 7.30pm
Thursday 29th	Italian Club Hall 1pm Christian Meditation Group UCR 6.30pm
Friday 30th	Parent & Toddlers Hall 9-11.15am Lectio Divina LCR 2-3pm
Saturday 1st	East District Guides Hall 12pm
Sunday 2nd	Coffee Morning – Diapalante

This week: Job 3:1.8-11, 2 Cor 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage and govern them forever.

Psalm: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever. Alleluia!

Intercession: This is our prayer to you

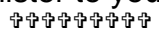
Response: Turn towards us Lord!

Next week: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24, Cor 8:7.9.13-15, Mk 5:21-43



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.



This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team: 2 Monday Team: 2



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

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

It is really, really difficult to trust in God when events seem to be going wrong at every turn. Yet most of us do hang in there, even though, throughout the troubles, the darkness and the sense of feeling alone and forgotten, the desire to give up grows stronger! It is only when we have come through the nightmare and can look back that we see how God has been present in so many different ways on that terrible journey. Once over, our confidence returns, joy and happiness are possible if not restored, until . . . the next time? In his Confessions, St Augustine looked back on his life from his birth to his conversion and his life as a Bishop. In doing so, he became aware that God had been present at every moment of his life especially during the period when he rejected God and focused on himself. This led him to give praise and thanks to God but increased his sensitivity to the presence of God in everything even the most despicable of situations. It was as though despite his terrible choices, God was guiding Augustine into his loving embrace. At the end of each day, reflect on what has happened and discover how God has been present and give thanks and praise. Then, like Augustine, you will become more aware of God's presence and support, even in your difficult times.

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We pray for Sophie Partridge who died recently, daughter of Colette Partridge and her family as they celebrate her life on Wednesday 28th June at 12.30pm at Harwood Park. We also pray for Ida Monteiro who died this week. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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There will be a second collection this weekend in aid of Peter's Pence

Dates for Diary

Monday 26 June

11am Mass at Stagenhoe led by Fr Vincent from St Joseph's. If you would like a lift please be in the car park at 10.35 and Trish can take you

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8pm MICHAELMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING at 1, Abbis Orchard, Ickleford. SG5 3TN

Future Dates

July 1

On **Saturday 1 July**, Caritas Westminster, Welcome Me As I Am, and Mind will be running a day-long workshop around creating inclusive parish communities for those with mental health issues. 10am-3pm, Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City. Lunch provided. For more information and to get your free ticket visit:

www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/mentalhealth

July 2

The John Henry Newman School Summer Fete is on Sunday **2 July**. Raffle tickets are available from the school office. Please return any money, ticket stubs and any unsold tickets to the school by Friday 30 June. Alternatively, hand them in to the raffle stall at the summer fete before 2.30pm. All funds go to benefit the children at the school, and to raise vital money for the new building. Please try hard to buy and sell as many tickets as you can. Thank you.

August 3

Pilgrimage to Walsingham Letchworth Parish has provisionally booked a coach to Walsingham for **Thursday 3rd August**. They plan to leave from St Hugh's Church at 8am and return by 8pm. The New Dawn Conference will be in progress and they hope to arrive in time for Mass. There will be the option of attending New Dawn Meetings and activities in the afternoon. Alternatively one may pray at the Slipper Chapel, relax in the village or surrounding countryside.

If you are interested in attending, please ring the parish no 01462 683 504

Cost will be £20 per person, the registration form and money should be returned to the Parish Office before 24 July

AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 37

The Vocation of the Family continues:

"We need to contemplate the joy of the shepherds before the manger, the adoration of the Magi and the flight into Egypt, in which Jesus shares his people's experience of exile, persecution and humiliation.

We need to contemplate the religious expectation of Zechariah and his joy at the birth of John the Baptist, the fulfilment of the promise made known to Simeon and Anna in the Temple and the marvel of the teachers of the Law who listened to the wisdom of the child Jesus."

