



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 1741
1st July – 8th July 2017 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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Diary

Sunday 2nd	Coffee Morning – Diapalante
	Live Simply Meeting LCR 12pm
Monday 3rd	Parent and Toddlers Hall 9-11.15am
Scout Hall	Christian Meditation Group
Beavers 6-7pm	UCR 11.45am
Cubs 7.15-8.15pm	PPC – Emmanuel Centre 7pm
Tuesday 4th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
Scouts 7-9pm	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm
	Choir Practice Church 8pm
Wednesday 5th	Rosary Group Hall 9.30am
	RCIA Emmanuel Centre 7.30pm
Thursday 6th	St Pio Group Hall 10.30am
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group
	UCR 6.30pm
Friday 7th	Parent & Toddlers Hall 9-11.15am
	Lectio Divina LCR 2-3pm
Saturday 8th	East District Guides Hall 12pm
Sunday 9th	Coffee Morning – KISS
	Baptism Course Hall 3pm

This week: Kings 4:8-11, 14, 16, Rom 6:3-4, 8-11, Mat 10:37-42

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Psalm: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Intercession: Guide us in your ways

Response: **To Live a Life in Christ!**

Next week: Zech 9:9-10, Rom 8:9, 11-13, Mat 11:25-30

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 3 Monday Team: 3

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



The new readers rota is available in the link.

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.

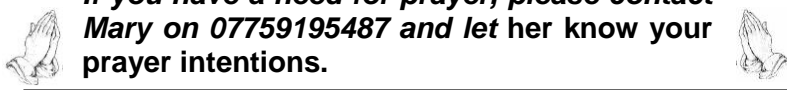
Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself



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

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.



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.



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: Our founder, Emmanuel d'Alzon, said Assumptionists were people who loved Jesus Christ and who Jesus loved: his Mother Mary and the Church. Assumptionists take the whole package because Jesus, Mary and the Church are so united and interlinked it is impossible to separate them. We know we cannot truly love others without loving God or love God without loving others. The Shunammitess recognises Elijah as a Holy Person, the presence of God within him, and treats him as such. This recognition leads to a response that brings life into the world, the life of a child to a barren mother. In recognising, the presence of God in others (their holiness) eventually brings forth the holiness within us, which always translates into new life. In this simple way loving God and loving neighbour is not a burden, something extra to life but the very means of discovering the true riches and full fruitfulness of life. No wonder St Augustine cried out: "Late have I loved, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new! Late have I loved you! And behold, you were within me, and I was without and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness, I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would have not been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace."(Confessions)

This Weekend

Sunday 12-3pm John Henry Newman School BBQ Party. All parishioners welcome.

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In the Mood ... from Folk to Swing ... and beyond..."Sunday at 7.30pm. A gala evening of music given by Holy Saviour Church Choir, The Radcliffe Singers, and The Gainsford Swing Band, directed by Trevor Hughes, with guest artist Mark Adams, and popular TV presenter Pam Rhodes in the wonderful setting of Bunyan's Barn, Maydencroft Manor, Gosmore. Tickets cost £15, concessions £13 and are available from Clare Fleck 01462 646257, email clarefleck7@gmail.com or the Hitchin Festival Box Office Proceeds in aid of Holy Saviour Church Organ Renovation Fund.

Many thanks to all who helped with and supported the Eco-group. A total of £91-61 was raised on the day (Fri June 16th) but with promises of further donations still outstanding we should just make £100-00. This will total will be sent to the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust as soon as possible.

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KISS - A group of John Henry Newman students with staff are going to Uganda in 3 weeks time! KISS - Excess Baggage - following last year's successful appeal, if you have suitcases or holdalls that you no longer use or need, the KISS charity would love to take them from you to take out clothing and musical instruments to Uganda. Just bring them to the Parish Hall and leave them in a corner on the stage or contact Greg Hewitson by text - 07850 273234. KISS - Musical Instruments - music again is a focus for this year's venture to Uganda - if you have instruments (woodwind / brass / guitars) in the cupboard under the stairs or in the loft and would like to donate them, then please contact Greg.

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The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) have halted their crusade against those with conscientious objections to abortion! Pharmacists can continue to refuse to dispense abortion inducing drugs without fear of loss of employment! Thanks to all who supported the initial consultation (which was ignored initially) and then petitioned again. Thanks to this persistence they have backed down. This is excellent news for pro-life pharmacists and for people everywhere who value freedom of conscience and belief. For more details see the newpage on the parish website.

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Attention all Parents of children in Y3 next year If you have a child who will be in Y3 next year and you wish her or him to be enrolled on the programme of preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, you are asked to attend an information evening on **Monday 10th July in the church hall, at 7:30pm**. Details about application will be given at the session. I look forward to seeing you there, where I can inform you about the course and answer any questions you may have. Susanna Hawksley (susannahawksley@rcdow.org.uk)

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There will be a second collection next weekend **(8th/9th July)** in aid of The Apostleship of the sea.

Pre Mass helpers needed at 10.30 Mass You hopefully will recall the appeal we made for people to help with the set up at Masses on Sunday and support of the altar servers. We now have helpers at 6pm, 8.30am and 5pm (though we can do with at least one more person at 5pm) We did not get any offers at 10.30am Mass and we really do need some support at this Mass.. If you regularly come to this Mass anyway please do consider helping with the set up and support during the Mass. (You do not have to be on the altar – close by will be great) Please speak to Fr Tom or Trish for more details. Thanks in anticipation of your many offers of help!!

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Attention all Eucharistic Ministers would you be willing to take communion to the sick at the Lister hospital once a month? Those who are sick take such comfort from receiving the sacrament – it is a great service that we can offer. If you are able to help please contact the Chaplain, Deacon Anthony Curran on **07876 526935**



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We pray for Aida Monteiro whose funeral is on **Wednesday 5 July** at 1.15pm at Harwood Park only and for Maureen Henery whose funeral is on **Tuesday 18 July** at 12pm here at Our Lady's Church and afterwards at North Hertfordshire Memorial Ground and Crematorium. May they rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort their families.



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Message for all children who recently made their first Holy Communion. We are sure that many of you are interested in becoming altar servers. We are working on a new training programme which will be delivered by Fr Euloge starting in September. As soon as we are ready we will be writing to you to invite you to join our altar server guild so you can start serving the parish too. So you don't have long to wait and in between time you can pray to Jesus for help to decide if this is what you want to do (and of course enjoy your summer holidays when they start) So watch this space!



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As a result of the Grenfell tragedy information has been put out by the Herts Fire and Rescue service. You can find this at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/fire-and-rescue/about-the-fire-service/high-rise-flats.aspx

Dates for Diary

Monday 3 July

2.30pm Mass at Gosmore Care Home in the 'fish room'. All are welcome.

Wednesday 5 July

There will be Mass at Elmside at 11am. All are welcome.

Thursday 6 July

There will a Padre Pio Group Meeting in the Hall at 10.30am after Mass. All are welcome.

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6pm Rosary and Mass for the St Pio group in the Hills garden, followed by supper. If you are able to come please let Theresa Bryan know for catering by contacting her at theresa.abhaile@gmail.com

Saturday 8 July

There will the Annual APF Mill Hill Mission Mass at St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, Southwark, London SE1 7HY. All are welcome to attend. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 2pm.

Future Dates

July 6 10am-12.30 **The Daily Call to Serve**—Sr Regina McGarry OP & Monika Cleaver, Suggested donation £6.

July 9 **National: Sea Sunday** - A day when churches all over the country remember and pray for seafarers, their families and those who support them. There will be a second collection for the ministry of *Apostleship of the Sea*, and envelopes will be available to gift-aid the donations made, for those that qualify. The envelopes will be collected the following Sunday when the One World Group will also be raising funds for the *Apostleship of the Sea* from the teas, coffees and cake sales

July 11 10am-3pm **Garden Retreat—Cry out with joy to the Lord all the earth!** Sr Laurentia Carroll OP & Sr Anne Walsh OP. Suggested donation £12. Please bring a packed lunch and rain gear in case! Niland Conference Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE Registrations welcome but not required bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk or 020 8950 4000. Refreshments served at all events.

July 13 8pm **Meeting William Carey.....** As part of the Hitchin Festival, Tilehouse Street Baptist Church is hosting a presentation on William Carey, the first Baptist missionary, often known as 'The Father of

Modern Mission'. He went to India at the end of the 18th century and his work in founding congregations, translating literature, promoting education, healing lepers, promoting justice and encouraging local industry and horticulture - and much more! - is still highly regarded. A group from Northamptonshire, his home county, some in costume, will be looking at his work and exploring some of Carey's challenges for today. The presentation will be in Tilehouse Street Church. The talk lasts for about an hour, followed by refreshments. Admission is £5, students free. There will be opportunities for discussion and the church promises a lively and interesting evening.

July 14 an afternoon event Organised by CAFOD: "**The Response of the Church in Latin America to Pope Francis' Call** " – Westminster, from 02:00pm - 03:30pm. Fr Peter Hughes, an Irish Columban priest from County Mayo who has spent most of his life as a missionary based in Lima, Peru will be explaining the Church's response to Laudato Si', sharing about the Church's work in Latin America at Comboni Missionary Sisters, 2 Chiswick Lane, London, W4 2JF. Register

at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-to-the-cry-of-the-earth-and-the-cry-of-the-poor-a-cafod-talk-tickets-34503283249>

July 21 6pm **The passage helping homeless people.** There will be a garden party in aid of The Passage in the historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey. Visit the oldest cultivated garden in England with a back drop of the Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. Tickets £40 from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London, SW1P 1NL, tel 020 7592 1856 email tickets@passage.org.uk which includes buffet supper, wine, soft drinks, live music and a prize raffle. Tickets are also available through passage-garden-party.eventbrite.co.uk

July 26 7.30pm **The Friends of Holy Saviour present:**

The Cutting Edge - A Brief Glimpse into 700 years of Bespoke Tailoring-

Drawing on the experiences of a career stretching from tailoring apprenticeship to membership of the Merchant Taylors' Company, this talk by Alan Canon Jones will give fascinating insights into the world of bespoke tailoring, including the Merchant Taylors Company, 1865 and the Tuxedo, Ecclesiastical tailoring, Salvador Dali - and more! At Holy Saviour Church. Tickets cost £12 (Friends £10) including refreshments available from Gill Chidgey 01462 423603. or the Hitchin Festival Box Office, 1A Churchyard.

August 6

Sun. 6th Aug There will be **Hiroshima commemorations** organised by Pax Christi from 10:00 am till 5:00 pm in **Westminster Cathedral Piazza, Victoria, London SW1P**. Including a LITURGY VIGIL - Every year we have a stall, vigil and time of prayer to commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima. Join us, to help give out leaflets, talk with people about what is happening today to ban nuclear weapons, and pray with us. *Prayer times at 11.30 and 3.30.* All are welcome. Leaflet here <http://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/August-peace-events.pdf>

August 9

Wed. 9th Aug There will be **Nagasaki Commemorations** at the **Westminster Cathedral Piazza Organised by Pax Christi**. Every year we have a stall, vigil and time of prayer to commemorate the bombing of Nagasaki. Join us, help give out leaflets, talk with people about what is happening today to ban nuclear weapons, and pray with us. *Prayer times at 11.30 and 3.30.* All are welcome. Leaflet here <http://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/August-peace-events.pdf>.

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Wed 9th Aug To mark the anniversary of execution of Blessed Franz Jägerstätter, martyr for peace in WWII. Resources on Pax Christi website <http://paxchristi.org.uk/> The annual service will start at 6.30 pm in the Crypt Chapel, of Westminster Cathedral. Access from Ambrosden Avenue, through car park. Followed by the annual interfaith peace walk to Battersea Park Peace Pagoda

Other Items of Interest



Lift needed for parishioner to 10.30 Mass If you regularly come to 10.30 Mass can you please offer to give a lift to one of our parishioners who is no longer able to walk to Mass. She lives in

Cranbourne Avenue off the Charlton road. There is another lady who helps her but we really need at least one other person who can offer a lift to cover gaps. Please speak to Trish if you are able to help even occasionally.

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Last chance for YOUNG ADULTS to sign up for an amazing summer PILGRIMAGE in France with the Assumption Sisters! Join this international youth pilgrimage of 200+ young people: Paris, Lorraine, Lyon and Taize. Dates: 16-26 August Apply for the last subsidised places £200 (students) - £300 (waged) by emailing:

youth@assumptionreligious.org

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Short term VOLUNTEER projects abroad THIS SUMMER: a few placements are still available in Lourdes, Paris and Saint Gervais, France and in Como, Italy with the Assumption Sisters.

Board and lodging provided – and excellent opportunity to volunteer – rest – practice your French or Italian and meet new people! Contact: youth@assumptionreligious.org

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St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School, Bedwell Crescent Stevenage KS1 Teacher Vacancy. The School require a KS1 Teacher from September 2017. To arrange a visit or for further information please contact Sally Lorimer, School Business Manager at finance@stvincent.herts.sch.uk or telephone 01438 729555.

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The Vocation of the Family continues:

“We need to peer into those thirty long years when Jesus earned his keep by the work of his hands, reciting the



traditional prayers and expressions of his people's faith and coming to know that ancestral faith until he made it bear fruit in the mystery of the Kingdom.

This is the mystery of Christmas and the secret of Nazareth, exuding the beauty of family life! It was this that so fascinated Francis of Assisi, Theresa of the Child Jesus and Charles de Foucauld, and continues to fill Christian families with hope and joy.”