



# 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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## 5<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017 The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – OLSSG
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Christian Meditation Group UCR 11.45am
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30-4pm
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary Group Hall 9.30am
	Bethany Meeting Hall 10am
	Praise Group LCR 10am
	No RCIA
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Emmanuel Meeting Room 6.30pm
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Lectio Divina Emmanuel Meeting Room 2-3pm
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning Diapalante

**This week: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, 2 Peter 1:16-19, Matt 17:1-9**

**Entrance Antiphon:** In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

**Psalm: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

Intercession: Show us your glory

Response: **Enlighten our hearts and minds!**

**Next week: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13, Rom 9:1-5, Matt 14:22-33**

This week's counting teams:

**Sunday Team: 1 Monday Team: 4**

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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 **no 5pm Mass on Sundays in August**. 5pm mass will resume again on 3 September. There will be Mass at 10am on Saturday mornings and Reconciliation after Mass. If a Eucharistic Minister wishes to lead the Adoration, they can expose and depose the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.

### 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.**

**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:

Transfiguration reveals the hidden presence and glory of God. It can be found in the smile of a baby, the appearance of the sun on a dull, grey day, in the deep experience of love, in a piece of music or a painting. They are moments when we see far beyond the visual image. Mother Teresa was certainly no pinup but her life and her work showed itself on her face as someone beautifully filled with the presence of God, a presence that was tangible. Jesus revealed his true presence to his disciples in order to support and sustain them through his passion and death and help them understand the resurrection more clearly. There are many moments in life when we hear, see or experience something of another person, someone close to us, that transforms our understanding and perception of them. Ever after, we see them in a new light and our relationship to them is changed, deepened and enriched. Together we make up the Body of Christ and it is Christ's presence that transforms us. Moments of transfiguration reveal to us his presence and in the experience of that presence and love we, too, are transfigured. And, if we take time to listen, we will hear the Father say to us, "You, too, are my beloved and my favour rests on you!"

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**The Christian meditation** on a Thursday evening 6.30pm and **Lectio Divina** on a Friday 2pm will now be held in the Meeting room of the Emmanuel Centre.

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### **APF Mill Hill Mission thank you and appeal.**

This will take place next weekend (12th/13th August) at all Masses when we welcome Mrs Eileen Tompkins to our parish. Thank you to all parishioners who already support this wonderful Association through the red boxes. If you have not yet thought of doing so, perhaps this thank you and appeal might persuade you to think about doing so. This thank you and appeal is not for money but for parishioners to become members and take a Red Mission Box.

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**Excess Baggage** - thank you again for the additional bags left for collection last weekend. As the groups are now in Uganda, if you do have excess baggage, please hang on till November when I will send another request for cases and holdalls for when the next smaller John Henry Newman group go out to KISS at Christmas.

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**Help needed to feed our priests from September** With Fr Andrew joining the community we will have 4 priests in our parish and it would be very helpful if there was a team of people who would volunteer to provide lunch for them one day

a week. All food will be paid for. They have lunch about 12.30. If you could be part of this team and help once a week, please speak to Trish or the priests.



## Dates for Diary

**Wednesday 9 August**

**10.35 Praise Group** in LCR after Mass.

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**2.30pm Mass** at Foxholes. All welcome

## Other items of interest

### **CALAIS MIGRANT SUMMER APPEAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**1) Needed Material Gifts** For Personal use: Shower gel, shampoo, toothbrushes, body cream or oil (like Vaseline, Nivea), Socks 36-43 Boxer shorts S/M (No Large please), Sport shoes 39-40-41, Pocket nail cutter (Also helpful: Power bank mobiles). Clothes for young men are welcome, **BUT PLEASE FOR NOW ONLY** small size T-shirts and jeans! **WE HAVE ENOUGH TOWELS AND TOOTHPASTE thank you!** For the house: Disinfectant, All-purpose cleaner, Anti-scalant, Toilet cleaner, Washing powder or liquid Laundry Stain remover, Softener, Calgon, Washing-up liquid, Tablets and liquid for the dishwasher, Toilet paper. Ground Coffee.

**Justice and Peace** will visit Calais in the last week of August. Please transport them to our office during August (phone 0208 888 4222 or St John Vianney Parish 0208 888 5518) for storage.

**2) Donations** Direct, or Justgiving welcome!

a) Association Maria Skobtsova. Bank details: IBAN: FR7615629026250002172700193

BIC: CMCIFR2A Bank: CCM Calais, 85 rue Mollien, 62100 Calais, France

b) Small Donations: Justice and Peace invites anyone to make smaller donations via its Justgiving site, using this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/rcdiocese-westminster/helpacalaisminor> and of course fill in details if you are a tax payer, as then the giftaid can be applied.

**APPEAL ENDS AUGUST 28th 2017**

### **AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 42**

*The Family in the Documents of the*

*Church: "Guadium et Spes: In*

*this way, the spouses are*

*consecrated and by means of a*

*special grace build up the Body*

*of Christ and form a domestic Church; so that*

*the Church, in order fully to understand her*

*mystery, looks to the Christian family, which*

*manifests her in a real way."*

