



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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12th August – 19th August 2017 19th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Diary

Mass Times
Saturday anticipating 6pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am no 5pm during August
Monday – Saturday 10am
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am during Exposition

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Sunday 13th	Coffee Morning - Diapalante
Monday 14th	Christian Meditation Group UCR 11.45am
Tuesday 15th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Hall 10.30-4pm
Wednesday 16th	Rosary Group Hall 9.30am Bethany Meeting Hall 10am No RCIA
Thursday 17th	Italian Club Hall 1pm Christian Meditation Group Emmanuel Meeting Room 6.30pm
Sunday 20th	Coffee Morning - One World Group

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

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help

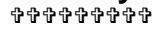
Intercession: Lord, give us courage

Response: Help us come to You!

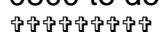
Next week: Is 56:1.6-7, Rom 11:13-15.29-32, Matt 15:21-28

This week's counting teams:

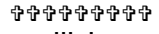
Sunday Team: 2 Monday Team: 1



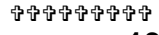
No cash for the collection? Just text Parish HITCH to 70800 to donate £5.



There will be **no 5pm Mass on Sundays in August**. 5pm mass will resume again on 3 September.



CAFOD just one world There will be a second collection next weekend (19th/20th August) in aid of CAFOD.



RCIA Sessions resume on **13th September at 7:30pm, in the Emmanuel Centre**. All welcome!

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.

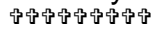
Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself



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.



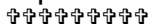
Parish Prayer Bless this parish, Lord. Let our community reflect your own communion of love. Help us to live peacefully and humbly, attending to the call of your Spirit and mindful of our duty to everything you have created. Strengthen the bonds of our families and friendships with patience and kindness. 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.

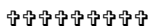
Ramblings for Reflection:

Sr Macrina Wiederkehr OSB wrote, “You are a creature of wonder. You are a poet. You are a poet not because of what you write but because of **how you see.**” What do you see in the readings this week? An episode full of drama, Jesus master of nature, the power of the sea, faith lived, faith doubted. After a period of prayer, Jesus wanted to re-join his friends and probably started walking across the water without realising it?? In all the excitement and wonder, Peter wants to go to meet Jesus but, as we read, he is beleaguered with doubts once on the water. How true to life this is when we face troubles of our own or when others face hard times, difficulties, health problems, we automatically want to reach out and help, not always knowing what to do for the best. Yet we reach out and people are grateful for our support, we even find we do things we thought impossible and discover something new about ourselves even if the discovery was that our doubts were unfounded. In reaching out, Jesus discovered his power over nature, all because of his friendship and concern for Peter. This deepened Jesus understanding of the value of friendship and its importance and encouraged him to ask us to care for our neighbour and those in need. When we do this, we will better understand our friendships, especially our friendship with Jesus.



Help needed to feed our priests from September

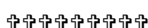
With Fr Andrew joining the community we will have 4 priests in our parish and it would be very helpful if there was a team of people who would volunteer to provide lunch for them one day a week. All food will be paid for. They have lunch about 12.30. If you could be part of this team and help once a week, please speak to Trish or the priests.



Fr Andrew O'Dell will be arriving in the parish for permanent residence with us on 22nd August. He will be residing in the ground floor flat of Christopher House. It will be wonderful to have him back in the parish again. Any cards of welcome can be left with Cheryl for him.



Lectio Divina will not happen during August. The next session will be Friday 1st September at 2pm in the Emmanuel Centre meeting room.



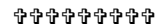
The Traidcraft Stall will be open after 8.30am and 10.30am Masses next Sunday (20 August)



A reminder to parents of children in Y3 this year: if you wish your child to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion this year, please send in your application by August 28th. Forms and dates are available on the parish website or on the table in the porch. Please also sign up for a Family Chat: sign up sheets are in the Link (between the church porch and the hall).



We will hold a baptism course in early September. It runs over two sessions: Sunday 3rd September 3 – 4:30pm and Sunday 10th September 3:30 – 4:30pm and then into 5pm Mass for the first anointing. The sign up sheet is in the Link, between the church porch and the hall. Babies welcome!



There is **NO MASS** this week at Milford Lodge



Garden chairs and tables needed September 5th.

The Bethany club are meeting in the garden of Chris Withers that afternoon and need to borrow garden chairs and tables to be delivered the previous day or in the morning. If you are able to help can you please contact Chris on 01462 453641.



Personal Assistant Required for a parishioner in Westmill, Hitchin, for support and enablement. Personal care involved so female preferred. Saturday + one evening each week. £10 ph, job share. **Contact Leonard Cheshire on 01462 439000 Quote Ref: MMG3** See parish website for job description.

Other items of interest

AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 44
The Family in the Documents of the Church: Married love requires of husband and wife the full awareness of their obligations in the matter of responsible parenthood. The exercise of responsible parenthood requires that husband and wife, keeping a right order of priorities, recognise their own duties towards God, themselves, their families and human society.’ (Blessed Paul VI 'Humanae Vitae').

