



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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7th October – 14th October 2017 27th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Diary

Mass Times	
Saturday anticipating 6pm	
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 5pm	
Monday – Saturday 10am	
Exposition Thursday 7pm-8pm	
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am during Exposition	
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Sunday 8th	Coffee Morning – KISS
Monday 9th Cubs 7.15-8.15pm	Parents & Toddlers Hall 9.30 am Meditation UCR 11.45am
Tuesday 10th Scouts 7-9pm	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am Bethany Club Hall 10.30-4pm Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
Wednesday 11th	RCIA Parlour Priest's house 7.30pm Praise Group LCR 10.30am
Thursday 12th	Italian Club Hall 1pm Christian Meditation Group Emmanuel Meeting Room 6.30pm Choir Practice Church 8pm
Friday 13th	Parents & Toddlers Hall 9.30am Lectio Divina – EC 2pm
Saturday 14th	Jumble Sale Scout Hall 10-11.30am
Sunday 15th	Coffee Morning – One World Group

This week Is 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9, Matt 21:33-43

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

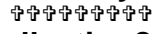
Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Intercession: We pray for all our needs
Response: Fill us with your peace!

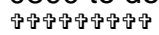
Next week: Is 25:6-10, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20, Matt 22:1-14

This week's counting teams:

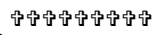
Sunday Team: 3 Monday Team: 1



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



CAFOD just one world There will be a second collection next weekend



(14th/15th October) in aid of CAFOD. The Traidcraft stall will be open on 15th October. Christmas cards will be on sale



Faith Development Helpline

If you (or someone you know) needs to chat about your faith or have been feeling lost ring

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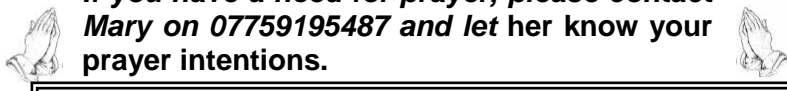
Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm.



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:

The Israel that Isaiah addressed were given everything and lost it all; being taken into exile to Babylon. Yet many of the people exiled were still good, still faithful but their leaders were not and they all suffered. Jesus vineyard story addressed to the Jewish leaders also comes true and their people reaped the consequences: Jerusalem was sacked by the Romans. The Brexit decision affects everybody in this country and we are all suffering the consequences whether we agreed with the decision or not. If we do nothing about decisions made in our name, we only have ourselves to blame not those who implement the decisions. Today, we are eminently aware of the ecological harm we have done and are doing to our planet; there is concern about church attendance especially concerning young people; we are faced with moral issues around gender and relationship. We all bear responsibility for what happens around these issues and we can all do something positive so that we are well informed and able to make responsible decisions that upholds and strengthens the common good. We can live more simply, be less wasteful. We can help with the worship that encourages greater involvement and participation of young people. We can cut through the misinformation and mythology surrounding moral choices and understand better the complexities of gender and relationships. Together, we are the new tenants in Jesus vineyard. Let us make Jesus proud of choosing us!!

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Jumble Sale in Our Lady's Scout Hall 14th October 10-11.30am

Fill a bag £2 small £5 large

Have a ball, help us clear the scout hall and contribute to a range of needs of the parish, the school and Diapalante. Please take a poster from the table in the porch to display in your window or car.

If you have any jumble to donate please bring it to the church porch anytime from October 8th

We need your help for our jumble sale in the following ways:

- Friday 13th Oct 2pm to help sort the jumble in the scout hall.
- Saturday 14th Oct 9.45am – 11.30am to be on hand at the jumble sale. No selling apart from the bags (£2 and £5) on the door.
- Saturday 14th Oct 11.30am to help bag up the left over jumble.
- Monday 16th Oct 9am take left over jumble to the Hospice Warehouse in Letchworth.

Please let Trish or Pam Brannigan know if you can help asap.

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MICHAELMAS FAIR - Many thanks to all who supported the fair in any way. We hope you had a great day. The list of Raffle prize winners is on display in the porch and prizes are in the office. Next week we will give you the final total amount raised to support the parish, Our Lady's School and Diapalante's education centre in Senegal.

Dates for Diary

Tuesday 10 October



We pray for **Esther Kennedy** whose funeral is on **Tuesday 10 October** at 2pm at North Hertfordshire Memorial Ground and Crematorium. May she rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort her family.

Wednesday 11 October

10.40 am Praise Group Meeting in the LCR after Mass. All are welcome.

2.30pm Mass at Foxholes. All are welcome

Other items

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. There are CD's of the Holy Rosary available free at the back of the Church. Our Lady continuously asked us to say this powerful prayer. Please take a copy and share it with friends.

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A DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) appeal has been launched in response to the Rohingya refugee crisis, in Bangladesh's Cox Bazar District. CAFOD is a member of the DEC so a proportion of the money donated to this appeal will help fund our response working through our experienced local partner, Caritas Bangladesh. **You can donate directly to CAFOD at cafod.org.uk/RohingyaCrisis or by calling 0500 85 88 85**

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Parishioner wishes to purchase the following musical instruments in good condition. An upright piano; flute and violin (sizes to suit use by an 11 year upwards). Please contact **Julia on 07931 100212**

AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 50

The Sacrament of Marriage: The married couple are a permanent reminder for the Church of what took place on the cross; they are for one another and for their children witnesses of the salvation which they share through the sacrament. (John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio)