



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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21st October – 28th October 2017 29th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Diary



Sunday 22 nd	Coffee Morning – Diapalante
Monday 23 rd	Half Term (No Parents & Toddlers)
	Meditation UCR 11.45am
Tuesday 24 th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30-4pm
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
Wednesday 25 th	No RCIA
	Bethany Club Meeting Hall 10am
Thursday 26 th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Emmanuel Meeting Room 6.30pm
Friday 27 th	Half Term (No Parents & Toddlers)
	Lectio Divina – EC 2pm
Sunday 29 th	Coffee Morning – Mexican Appeal
	All Hallows Party – Hall 4.30-6pm

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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Readings: Is 45:1.4-6, Thes 1:1-5, Matt 22:15-21

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Psalm: Give the Lord glory and power.
Intercession: Lord, who made heaven and earth
Response: Hear the prayer of your people

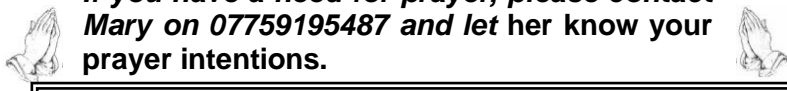
Next week: Ex 22:20-26, Thess 1:5-10, Matt 22:34-40



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.

This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team: 5 Monday Team: 3



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

Envelopes and slips of paper are available this weekend for the month of the Holy Souls. Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November. Please return your envelopes to the box at the back of the church.



Faith Development Helpline

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

07398821315

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:

Like Paul, the Assumptionists of the parish (past and present) wish you grace and peace. We pray and thank God for you all, because you have continually shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know and reassure you that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when the Good News was brought to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction. We could not ask for more. One great strength about good people is that when things go wrong they do not look for someone to blame but seek to create something positive out of what went wrong. Jesus never spoke out against the Romans and encouraged people to pay their taxes!! Yet, Jesus continually challenged the leaders of his day but never grumbled about them. He worked to guide them in the right direction, to help them use their authority and power for the common good, especially the marginalised and excluded. He tried to show the way by his actions. Whether we agree with the present government or not we need to show it the way by our actions and not just grumble about it. If the government makes decisions with which you disagree but, you say and do nothing, you are responsible for the decisions they enact, since this is what it means to live and vote in a democracy. Like Jesus we are called to show the way!

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There will be a second collection this weekend (21st/22nd October) in aid of World Mission Sunday.

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The altar servers in the parish are there to ensure that the Mass runs smoothly, the Celebrant is supported and we, the congregation, are able to participate fully so we can give of our best to worship our Lord in our Sunday community celebration. Becoming an altar server does mean making a regular commitment to serve at Mass, whichever you attend. Our guild of altar servers is 85 years old and with your support we will take it to its 100th birthday easily! If you are interested in becoming an altar server then could you complete an application form (found in the porch or on the parish website: parish groups – Altar servers) particularly with an indication of the most suitable days for training so we can plan the two sessions.

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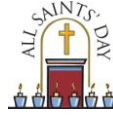
October 29th All Hallows eve party 4.30-6pm

Fun, games, snacks, come in fancy dress and have a great time. All ages welcome (5 years and under accompanied by an adult). £1 per



child, on sale after some Sunday masses or from the parish office.

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1st November Feast of All Saints

there will be Mass at 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm in the parish and 9am at Our Lady's School.

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Sainsbury's, the largest retailer of Fairtrade products in the UK, have decided to remove the Fairtrade mark from their own-brand tea. Instead they will pilot their own 'Fairly traded' scheme. CAFOD are concerned that this tea and any products that follow it could mean an unfair deal for poor farmers. They are asking for us, as a Fairtrade parish, to take a letter to our local store expressing our concern about this development. This letter is available in the



porch for you to sign. It will be delivered to our Sainsbury's on 28th October along with others across the country. Thanks for your support.

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MICHAELMAS FAIR Our final total from the fair is a magnificent £5,517. This will be divided between the parish, Our Lady's School and Diapalante's education in Senegal. Each will receive £1,839. Very many thanks to all who supported the fair in any way. A notice in the porch gives a breakdown of the amount raised by the auction, raffle, stalls and jumble sale. If you have any comments for us to consider when planning next year's fair please contact Pam Brannigan on 01462 632587 or pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com.

Dates for Diary

Monday

11am Mass at Stagenhoe. All are welcome. Lift available at 10.35 in church car park with Trish

Future Dates

Nov 12 6.15pm In Memoriam we will be having our Annual Service of Commemoration for our relations and friends and those who have died over the past year in our Parish. All are welcome to come along and light a candle for their own deceased loved ones.

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The Sacrament of Marriage:

Sexual union, lovingly experienced and sanctified by the Sacrament, is in turn a path of growth in the life of grace for the couple. It is the 'nuptial mystery'. (Pope Leo the Great).

