



# 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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### 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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### Diary

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – Live Simply
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	No Parents & Toddlers - <b>Half Term</b>
	Meditation - UCR - 11.45am
	Eucharist Course – LCR – 7.30pm
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer - Church - 9.30am
	Bethany Club - Hall - 10.30am-3pm
	7.15 pm Eucharistic Service
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary - Church - 9.30am
	Eucharist Course – LCR – 3pm
	RCIA - EC - 7.30pm
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Christian Meditation Group EC 6.30pm
	Italian Club – Hall – 1pm
	Choir - Church - 8pm
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	No Parents & Toddlers - <b>Half Term</b>
	Lectio Divina - EC - 2pm
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – OLSSG

**Readings: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40, Rom 8:14-17, Matt 28:16-20**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Blest be God the Father, and the only begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us His merciful love

**Psalm:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen as His own!

**Intercession: Lord, our help!**

**Response: We place all our hope in You!**

**Next week: Ex 24:3-8, Heb 9:11-15, Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**

This week's counting teams:

**Sunday Team: 1 Monday Team: 2**

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Thank you all for your very kind donations to CAFOD last weekend. A total sum of £303.77 was raised.

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We have a coffee morning slot free on Sunday 22 July. If anyone is interested in hosting a coffee morning that day, please let Cheryl know in the Parish Office. Many thanks.

### 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

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Hospital

If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify the Chaplain 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.

*The Holy Trinity is not the product of human reasoning. It is the face with which God revealed himself by walking with humanity, in the history of the people of Israel, and above all in Jesus . . . It is Jesus who has saved us. . . . the Son who made us know the merciful Father and brought to the world his 'fire', the Holy Spirit, who guides us, who gives us good ideas, inspirations."* The wisdom of God was to offer us three for the price of one! Like a hologram in which, depending on the way you look at God, one or other of the three is more visible with the awareness that the other two are equally present. There is something special about a relationship which is continually being strengthened and deepened by new understandings, new discoveries, new perceptions about the other which also help us understand ourselves better. In marriages that have endured the tests of time, the couple almost know what the other is thinking and can even finish off each other's sentences. As mystery, the Trinity is impossible to understand, because mystery embraces us and the Trinity has to be experienced. Why else did God become man in Jesus other than to develop his relationship with us and so that we could experience his presence? A presence encountered not only in solitude and quiet but in all those we encounter and, of course, in ourselves. O blessed Trinity, your goodness, beauty and love surround me. I praise You for who You are, for what You do and for all You have given me. With all my being I sing your praise. Amen.

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**Saturday 2 June** – There will be an event in the Hall between 11am and 8pm. Please bear this in mind when you attend Mass that day as the car park may be busy.

### **Date for Diary**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**11am Mass at Stagenhoe.** All are welcome. Trish can give a lift if you need one. Be in car park at 10.35.

### **Future dates**

**May 29 6.30pm An Invitation to Young Adults from the Cardinal** The Cardinal invites young adults, aged 18 to 30, to join him at Archbishop's House for the next two meetings to explore the theme of vocation, with an opportunity for prayer, input, discussion and question and answer. The first meeting was last Tuesday but all are welcome to attend whichever meetings they are able. More details can be found on the youth section of the diocesan website ([www.dowym.com](http://www.dowym.com)). If you would like to come along, please let us know by sending a quick email to [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk).

**May 31 6.30-8.30pm** Join Caritas Westminster and Sponsor Refugees for an event on Community Sponsorship. Community Sponsorship is a way that community groups can be involved in supporting the resettlement of vulnerable people fleeing conflict. The event will: bring different practitioners together to share their experiences, hear from community sponsors and sponsored families, learn how to build teams and work towards welcoming new families, and connect with others who are committed to the same cause. The event is at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN, from. Tea and coffee will be available from 6.00pm. Please RSVP to [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk), or call on 0207 529 8637.

**June 17 6pm** (after 5pm Mass) **Prayer service for Our Lady's School** to pray for all the children, parents, staff and governors. We will pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us all for the future, to comfort, heal and unite us. A reflective service with prayer and readings which will last about 30 minutes. All welcome.

### **Other item of interest**

 Live Simply Tip for May - Care for our common home – keep it clean. Now the weather is getting warmer you might like a countryside stroll. Always carry a small plastic (recyclable) bag & gloves and pick up litter. You don't have to pick up everything, even one piece is one less bit of litter spoiling our world.

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**Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady** writes to thank you for all the support you have given, to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham. Please be assured of the prayers of all at Walsingham. All of our pilgrims and supporters are regularly remembered in the Masses at the Shrine and this year we will, once again, have a candle burning each day in the Slipper Chapel for the intentions of our pilgrims, past and present. Please remember the Shrine, and all who work here, in your prayers as we prepare for another busy pilgrimage season. It is a great comfort to all the staff at the Shrine to know that they are being supported by the prayers of so many people who have a great love for Walsingham.

### **AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 81**

*Our Daily Love - Love is Patient* Being patient does not mean letting ourselves be constantly mistreated, tolerating physical aggression or allowing other people to use us.

