



CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



Newsletter No 1790

9th June – 16th June 2018 – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



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

Sunday 10 th	Coffee Morning – Live Simply
	First Holy Communion 2pm
Monday 11 th Beavers – 6.00-7.00pm Cubs – 7.15pm-8.15pm	Parents & Toddlers – Hall 9.30am
	Meditation - UCR - 11.45am
Tuesday 12 th Scouts – 7.00-9.00pm	Morning Prayer - Church - 9.30am
	Bethany Club - Hall - 10.30am-3pm
Wednesday 13 th	Rosary - Church - 9.30am
	Praise Group Meeting - LCR 10.40am after Mass
	RCIA - EC - 7.30pm
Thursday 14 th	Christian Meditation Group EC 6.30pm
	Italian Club – Hall – 1pm
	Choir - Church - 8pm
Friday 15 th	Parents & Toddlers – Hall 9.30am
	Lectio Divina - EC - 2pm
Sunday 17 th	Coffee Morning – One World Group
	Prayer service for Our Lady's School Church 6pm

Readings: Gen 3:9-15, Cor 4:13-5:1, Mk 3:20-35

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Intercession: We cry to you, O Lord

Response: Lord, hear our voice!

Next week: Ez 17:22-24, Cor 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 3 Monday Team: 4



There will be a second collection next weekend (16th/17th June) in aid of "Day for Life"



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

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.

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:

When things go wrong there is a human propensity to look for someone or something to blame, especially when we are at fault. In primary school I was taught that the 11th commandment is "Thou shalt not be found out!" Being found wanting, we feel foolish, ashamed, embarrassed, even guilty, especially in the public forum. We willingly accept (and believe) that we are far from perfect and will admit this to others - yet hate to be seen to actually do something wrong. Although I am probably wrong, I believe people love the TV soaps because they see people making bad decisions and creating all kinds of difficulties for themselves and quietly think to themselves "I am not as bad as that!" Feeling good about yourself at someone else's expense. The times we do feel good about ourselves is when we are loved and experience that love as an affirmation that we are loveable and have value. This kind of love helps us believe the real truth about ourselves. It is no wonder then that Jesus calls us his brothers and sisters because he knows then we are more likely to reflect his love and goodness to the world and make his love real for others. Isn't it true that the good we see in others is a reflection of the good we have in ourselves? And doesn't Jesus see in us a reflection of his goodness and love?

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Welcome Masses Next weekend and the weekend following, we are welcoming the children who made their first Holy Communion here on the 10th June into all our parish Masses, where they will come to the Lord's table with the parish community for the first time. They will also receive their certificates at the end of Mass. Many congratulations to them!

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The Bethany Club are urgently seeking someone to help with the washing up on Tuesdays from 12.30-1.15pm. If you or anyone you know could spare about an hour each Tuesday, please let the office know. Many thanks.

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On the 8th July John Henry Newman School are having a 2km loop fun run starting at 11am, followed by their Annual Summer BBQ Party 12-3pm. All are welcome at this family fun event

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Sunday 8th July our parish **Bring and Share picnic** in the gardens starting at **12pm**. All parishioners are invited to join us to celebrate our parish community and all its talents, gifts and service. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch to let us know what you are bringing.

Date for Diary

Wednesday 13 June

10.40am Praise Group Meeting in the Lower Committee Room after Mass. All are welcome.

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2.30pm Mass at Foxholes. All are welcome.

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Future Dates

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



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July 6

7.30pm, there will be a service in the Church for the bereaved, their families and friends. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service. You are all most welcome to attend

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Other items of interest:

Come to the **Wintershall Life of Christ** for free and be a guide, who welcomes schools when they arrive and accompanies them around the site. Anyone willing to help would need to be onsite from 9:15am until schools leave at 3:30pm each day, for a minimum of 2 days between Tuesday 19th–Friday 22nd June. If you can help please email Lucy at schools@wintershall-estate.com or ring on 01483 892167 or speak to Trish.

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Saturday 7th July - from 6pm to 7:30pm North Herts Inter Faith Forum (NHIF) presents an evening of music and an historical multi-faith play by the Khayaal Theatre Company, from Luton, at the Wilshire Dacre School, Hitchin. Tickets are £5.00 All proceeds go to the Letchworth / Hitchin/Baldock Foodbank . **Our parish has 25 tickets to sell, available from Fr Tom or the parish office.** Please support this effort to raise funds for the running cost of the Foodbank.

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Our Daily Love - Love is Patient Unless we cultivate patience, we will always find excuses for responding angrily. We may end up incapable of living together, antisocial, unable to control our impulses, and our families become battlegrounds.

