



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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16th June – 23rd June 2018 – 11th 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 17th Father's Day	Coffee Morning – One World Group
Monday 18th Beavers – 6.00-7.00pm Cubs – 7.15pm-8.15pm	Parents & Toddlers – Hall 9.30am Meditation - UCR - 11.45am
Tuesday 19th Scouts – 7.00-9.00pm	Morning Prayer - Church - 9.30am Bethany Club - Hall - 10.30am-3pm No Eucharistic Service UCM – LCR – 8pm
Wednesday 20th	Rosary - Church - 9.30am RCIA - EC - 7.30pm
Thursday 21st Brownies 6.30pm	Christian Meditation Group EC 6.30pm Italian Club – Hall – 1pm Choir - Church - 8pm
Friday 22nd	Parents & Toddlers – Hall 9.30am Lectio Divina - EC - 2pm
Sunday 24th	Coffee Morning – Scouts Group

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

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Psalm: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

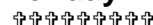
Intercession: Plant your seed in us.

Response: Help us grow in love.

Next week: Job 3:1.8-11, 2 Cor 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 4 Monday Team: 1



There will be a second collection this weekend in aid of "Day for Life". This year the Day for Life, which is celebrated on Sunday 17th June, is dedicated to raising awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery.



Please keep our 18 pilgrims (12 from Our Lady's and 6 others) in your prayers this week. We will certainly keep you in our prayers.

Faith Development Helpline

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

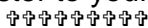
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Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm.

Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself

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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.



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:

Purpose - growth - bearing fruit: We all need a purpose in life. It motivates, challenges, sometimes disappoints, at other times it brings Joy, and, however far along we are, we know there is always more, much, much more. Growth is more about maturity: a maturity that provides us with the ability to make good, selfless, wise choices. The fruit is never for ourselves but for others, because only then is it of real value. Once again the readings remind us that God is an integral and necessary part of this whole process whether we are aware of it or not. St Paul must have written his letter in his later years as his body was declining; when he knew he could do more in a younger, fitter body than he could with aging limbs that creaked and groaned at every step. What is not written is that in slowing down and being hindered in old age allows time for greater reflection, helping us see more clearly how God is working in our lives as well as in the lives of those we encounter each day. This is the time to appreciate more fully the beauty of God's presence in creation both in the bright rebirth of spring and in the graceful falling asleep of autumn. The bright spring sun calls forth new life while the balmy autumn evenings sooth and calm. In this we are not only touched by the presence of God but we begin to feel that presence in everything and everyone we touch.

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BAPTISM COURSE We would like to run a baptism course soon. If interested, please put down your name and contact details on the sheet on the link noticeboard (between church porch and hall) or email susannahawksley@rcdow.org.uk. Then keep an eye on the newsletter and parish website for the dates. Thank you!

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Michaelmas Fair Friday 6th October

The planning group met recently and are sure you will all want to support this year's fair which has a 'Save the Oceans from plastic' theme. We will have all our old favourites; promises auction, grand raffle, food hall, bottle stall among others as well as parish artists and craftspeople exhibiting in the church with floral displays courtesy of our flower arranging group and the parish Brownie pack. We have some new stalls this year with cookery demonstrations at intervals through the day and 'Penny Arcade' games for children and the young at heart. More information to follow. Meanwhile we need your help in the following areas:

Calling all children. We need a design for our 'Save the Oceans' hessian bags. Please send in your ideas on an A4 sheet of paper to the parish office or give them to Trish. The chosen design will be used for the bags and all entries will be on

display in the hall. The closing date is Friday 13th July. Please put your name and age on the back of your design.

Promises Auction. Have you a gift or talent? Can you bake a cake or offer some help with gardening or jobs around the house? Can you cut hair, take beautiful flattering photos, cook a meal or offer beauty treatments? How about painting and decorating? If so, please offer your services to our promises auction. This is always a most popular part of the Michaelmas Fair as well as raising a large sum for our parish projects and Diapalante's education centre in Senegal.

Goods for sale When you clear out your cupboards please remember that we will need bric a brac, toiletries, bottles, gifts, toys and games for stalls at the fair. We shall be appealing for goods at the end of the summer so it would be wonderful if you could put unwanted items to one side.

Nearer the time we shall be asking for help to set up and run stalls. Please contact Pam Brannigan pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com or 01462 632587 for further information.

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From the **livesimply team** - £74.80 was raised at the Coffee Morning last Sunday. This will go towards livesimply projects for the parish. Thank you to everyone and especially to those who donated cakes which we very much appreciate"

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The John Henry Newman Catholic School have a vacancy for a Teacher of Religious Studies with the option of starting in September 2018 or January 2019. Further details of this on the school website at www.jhn.herts.sch.uk

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Catholic Truth Society invites you to a Mass of Thanksgiving in honour of its 150th Anniversary, celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Tues 19th Jun 2.15pm, at Westminster Cathedral. More info onefifties.org/events

Date for Diary

Tuesday 19 June

No Mass at Milford Lodge this month.

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8pm UCM Talk from Rev. Mary on her work as a rural vicar.

AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 84

Our Daily Love - Love is Patient Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, with all malice (Eph 4:31)

