



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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23rd - 30th June 2018 – The Nativity of St John The Baptist - 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

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| Sunday 24th | Coffee Morning – Scouts Group |
| Monday 25th Beavers – 6.00-7.00pm Cubs – 7.15pm-8.15pm | Parents & Toddlers – Hall 9.30am Meditation - UCR - 11.45am |
| Tuesday 26th Scouts – 7.00-9.00pm | Morning Prayer - Church - 9.30am Bethany Club - Hall - 10.30am-3pm Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm |
| Wednesday 27th | Rosary - Church - 9.30am RCIA - EC - 7.30pm |
| Thursday 28th Brownies 6.30pm | Christian Meditation Group EC 6.30pm Italian Club – Hall – 1pm Choir - Church - 8pm |
| Friday 29th | Parents & Toddlers – Hall 9.30am Lectio Divina - EC - 2pm |
| Sunday 1st July | Coffee Morning – Diapalante Confirmation Rehearsal 5.45pm |

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

Entrance Antiphon: O Sing a new song to the lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia!

Psalm: I thank you for the wonder of my being.

Intercession: You call us to speak your truth!

Response: Lord, be our strength!

Next week: Readings: Wis 1:13-15;2:23-24, Cor 8:7.9.13-15, Mk 5:21-43

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 5 Monday Team: 2



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Thank you all for your donations to "Day for Life" last weekend. A total of £188.41 was raised

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

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.



We pray for Michael Shortall whose funeral is on Tuesday 3 July at 12 noon here at Our Lady's Church and afterwards at North Herts Memorial Park and Crematorium. May he rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort his family

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Due to the installation of the new organ shortly, part of the Church (around the organ and by the library) will be closed off from Tuesday afternoon (26 June) until Thursday afternoon (28 June). Thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to being able to enjoy the new organ very soon!

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There will be a second collection next weekend (30th June/1st July) in aid of Peter's Pence. At the end of the 8th century, the Anglo-Saxons, after their conversion, felt so attached to the Bishop of Rome, they decided to stably send an annual contribution to the Holy Father. Thus was born the "Denarius Sancti Petri" (Alms to Saint Peter), which soon spread throughout Europe. This, like other similar practices, passed through many ups and downs over the centuries, until it was blessed by Pope Pius IX, with the Saepe venerabilis Encyclical of 5 August 1871. Currently, this collection takes place throughout the Catholic world, mostly on 29 June or on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

Peter's Pence in the words of Pope Francis: mercy, charity, sharing, helping your neighbour. Read and share the messages of the Holy Father and support Peter's Pence in its path of mercy for the most needy. Peter's Pence means commitment to the most needy. Peter's Pence means helping your neighbour. Peter's Pence means charity and solidarity. Peter's Pence means mercy.

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Michaelmas 6th October Promises Auction



Many thanks for the swift response from several parishioners to our appeal for promises and items for the auction. So far we have a promise for six return journeys to hospital, supermarket or care home including taking, waiting and returning with no parking charges, three Christmas cakes, two hours general labouring and a beauty treatment. We generally have up to 20 promises so still have a way to go. If you can help please contact Pam Brannigan 01462 632587 or pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com

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Sunday 8th July 5pm Mass is our Confirmation mass where our young people who have been preparing over the past year will receive the sacrament with Bishop Paul McAleenan. All are welcome to attend this Mass to support our confirmation candidates on this important and joyous occasion

Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th June

11am Mass at Stagenhoe. If you need a lift please be in the car park at 10.35am

Friday 29th June

We celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass will be celebrated at 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm. The anniversary of the election of Pope Francis is also observed today.

Other Items

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND and SPIRIT MINISTRY welcome you to come to a one day Retreat of quiet Reflection on Saturday 30th June 2018, 11:00am – 5:00pm at The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Rosary, Latin Mass, Lunch, (Please bring your own Lunch - Tea and Coffee available), Scripture Talk - Christian Meditation - Blessed Adoration, Healing Prayers - Praise & Worship.

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St Richard Reynolds College is advertising the following vacancies: English Teacher - closing date Friday 29th June, Subject Lead in Physics – closing date Friday 29th June, Music Teacher - closing date Friday 29th June and Economics Teacher - closing date Monday 2nd July. For further details, please contact ClaudineRichardson on 020 8325 4630 or to follow the link provided: <http://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/recruitment>

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Our Daily Love - Love is Patient Patience takes root when I recognise other people also have a right to live in this world, just as they are. It does not matter if they hold me back, if they unsettle my plans, or annoy me by the way they act or think, or if they are not everything I want them to be.

