



# 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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7<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 14<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – KISS
	<b>Parish Picnic 12pm Gardens</b>
	Confirmation Mass 5pm
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b> Beavers – 6.00-7.00pm Cubs – 7.15pm-8.15pm	Parents & Toddlers – Hall 9.30am
	Meditation - UCR - 11.45am
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b> Scouts – 7.00-9.00pm	Morning Prayer - Church - 9.30am
	Bethany Club - Hall - 10.30am-3pm
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary - Church - 9.30am
	Praise Group – LCR – 10.35am
	RCIA - EC - 7.30pm
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b> Brownies 6.30pm	Italian Club – Hall – 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group EC 6.30pm
	Finance Committee – LCR – 7pm
	Choir - Church - 8pm
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Parents & Toddlers – Hall 9.30am
	Lectio Divina - EC - 2pm
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – One World Grp
	Peace service – Church – 6pm

**Readings: Ezek 2:2-5, 2 Cor 12:7-10, Mark 6:1–15, Mk 5:21-43**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**Psalm:** Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

**Intercession:** Lord, give us your spirit!

**Response:** **To you we lift our eyes!**

**Next week: Amos 7:12-15, Eph 1:3-14, Mark 6:7-13**

This week's counting teams:

**Sunday Team: 7 Monday Team: 4**

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There will be a second collection next weekend (14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> July) in aid of CAFOD.

### 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.

## Ramblings for Reflection:

How often do we create images of people and fail to see beyond the image. Often the image we create supports our belief about them. For someone we like, we focus on their good qualities and discount any negativity as unimportant. For someone we don't like or who threatens our security or tranquility, we find the negative elements about them to support our belief. More often than not, this is because of fear. A fear based on ignorance, that makes us feel vulnerable and out of our depth. In his wisdom, St Paul says that this fear and vulnerability is precisely the way in which God wants to work in and through us. The Gospel suggests we are not asked to do the impossible - even Jesus could not help people who were closed to him. Jesus was rejected not because of who he was but because he did not fit the people's image of who he should be. For too long, we have been misinformed, negatively, about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. They are too easily rejected, just like Jesus, either because of this negative image or because they do not fit our image of who is acceptable. If his own people had spent more time discovering who Jesus truly was, their lives would have been enriched and changed for the better. We, too, will be enriched and our lives changed if we spend time discovering who people truly are, whatever their gender, especially those we believe do not fit!

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**This weekend** - There will be a retiring collection to raise much needed funds to help the work of the **Apostleship of the Sea** in supporting the needs of seafarers as they come to our ports in the course of their jobs. Please give generously, *thank you very much.*

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**The Parish Library** - The library will be moving again soon. You are asked not to leave your unwanted books on the shelves. Pam Brannigan will be pleased to have them for the Michaelmas Fair. Should you have a special book you wish to donate, that would be gratefully accepted.

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**Next Sunday - 6pm Peace service** – prayer and Benediction – we will also have the final hearing of the old organ as we hand over to the new. The old organ will be dismantled over the following few weeks.

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**RCIA** ARE YOU AN ADULT THINKING ABOUT being baptised? Joining the Catholic Church? Maybe you would like to be confirmed? If so, come to the RCIA group (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) where we prepare

people for all these things. We meet in the Emmanuel Centre on Wednesday evenings at the moment, from 7:30pm to 9pm (we don't meet in school holidays). **We will hold a welcome session for interested folk on Wednesday 5th September. Watch this space!**

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**BAPTISM COURSE!!** The next baptism course first session is on Sunday 5th August from 3pm – 4:30pm and the second session is Sunday 12th from 3:30pm – 4:30pm, followed by the first anointing of baptism at the 5pm Mass. If you have a child of any age who needs the sacrament of baptism and you want to be prepared, join us. If you are expecting your first baby and would like to prepare for his/her baptism in advance, you can join us too. Babies/small children are welcome as long as you bring the entertainment! PLEASE SIGN UP on the list in the link (between the porch and the hall) so we know how many to expect.



## Dates for Diary

### Wednesday 11 July

**10.35ish** Praise Group Meeting after Mass in the Lower Committee meeting room. All are welcome.

**2.30pm** Mass at Foxholes. All are welcome.

### Sunday 15 July

**12:30 for 13:00** The North Herts Inter Faith Forum (NHIF) invites you to attend the gifting and dedication ceremony of a colourful picnic table from the faiths of NHIF in the Quakers Peace Garden at the **Friends Meeting House, 1 Paynes Park, Hitchin, SG5 1HL**. Please use the back door gate direct from the car-park to the grounds of the venue.

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Live simply team: Parish Share the Journey Walk. Part of the CAFOD campaign to raise awareness of the plight of refugees, Barbara Goulden will lead a circular walk starting and ending at the Orange Tree pub in Hitchin. Meet Monday 23rd July at 13:45 to start walking at 14:00.

### AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 85

*Our Daily Love - Love is kind, at the service of others. A good person is one who shows his goodness by his deeds. St. Paul wants to make it clear 'patience' is not a passive attitude, but one accompanied by activity, by a dynamic and creative interaction with others."*

