



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 1795

14th July – 21st July 2018 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Diary

Sunday 15th	Coffee Morning – One World Group
	Peace service – Church – 6pm
Monday 16th Beavers – 6.00-7.00pm Cubs – 7.15pm-8.15pm	Parents & Toddlers – Hall 9.30am
	Meditation - UCR - 11.45am
	Proclaim 15 meeting LCR 7.30pm
Tuesday 17th Scouts – 7.00-9.00pm	Morning Prayer - Church - 9.30am
	Bethany Club - Hall - 10.30am-3pm
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm UCM – 8pm
Wednesday 18th	Rosary - Church - 9.30am
	RCIA - EC - 7.30pm
Thursday 19th Brownies 6.30pm	Italian Club – Hall – 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group EC 6.30pm
Friday 20th	Parents & Toddlers – Hall 9.30am
	Lectio Divina - EC - 2pm
Sunday 22nd	Coffee Morning – Child Cancer

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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Readings: Amos 7:12-15, Eph 1:3-14, Mark 6:7-13

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Intercession You send us into the world!

Response: Give us your saving help

Next week: Jer 23:1-6, Eph 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 1 Monday Team: 1

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Thank you all so much for your very generous donations to last week's Apostleship of the Sea Appeal. A total of £609.28 was raised.

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There will be no Padre Pio Mass during the month of August. The next Mass and meeting will be on Thursday 6 September.

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.

Ramblings for Reflection: To reap the benefits of the readings this week, we must first answer the question: 'Who am I?' 'How do I describe myself?' 'What picture do I have of myself?' Then see how this image of ourselves compares to God's image of us. Paul reminds us that, like the disciples, we are called and chosen, and are therefore blessed with ALL the spiritual blessings in heaven (Wow!). Jesus shed his blood for us so that we can be holy and spotless. He forgives our sins so that we can live in freedom with a passionate desire to give thanks and praise to God. But, most of all, we are children of God. Wouldn't it be sad if the image we had of ourselves did not acknowledge all these blessings and gifts? But not recognising these blessings, would be like a person failing to recognise they had been created to be a world famous pianist despite opportunities offered to discover this. Not only do they lose out but so does the world!! "What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God." ~ *Hans Urs von Balthasar*. "God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame." ~ *Elizabeth Barrett Browning*. "Everyone has a talent, what is rare is the courage to follow the talent to the dark place where it leads." - *Erica Jong*.

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Michaelmas
Fair

Saturday 6th October - Many thanks for the offers of goods, services and time for the popular Promises Auction. All offers may be

made via Pam Brannigan 01462 632587 or pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com. We now need some help from our younger parishioners. Our theme this year is 'Save our Oceans' and we want to create a reusable shopping bag to sell with a picture on this theme. So we are asking all the children in the parish and school to design an eye catching logo for the bag. It will be printed as one colour, blue on white. The design needs to be suitable for being printed on the side of a bag. You will need to do your design on a sheet of A4 paper with your name, age and telephone number on the other side. **Please return to the school or parish office by Monday 16th July.** We will let everyone know the design that has been chosen by the end of July. All designs will be on display at the Michaelmas Fair.

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A message from a Catholic family in Auckland New Zealand. "In September, my almost 19 year old daughter is moving to Hitchin to study at the Emil Dale academy. We are hoping to find a home stay family for her to live with so that she can get settled into a new place and I'm just wondering if there are any families in the parish who are looking for a lodger in Hitchin. I thought there may be a

local Catholic school that might have a family with a spare room to rent out. She is an extremely good girl, very easy to get on with and also good with children. If you can help please contact Eileen Roger at eileen@bringiton.co.nz

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Interfaith Forum
Foodbank fundraiser
last Saturday evening.
High from the English
football victory many of



KHAYAAL THEATRE COMPANY
tales of wisdom

us gathered at Wilshire Dacre school for the Khayaal Theatre Company who were wonderful at telling us stories from different faiths. The Bollywood dancing from the children was excellent and we all left with huge smiles. Better still £500 was raised for the foodbank. Don't miss the next IFF fundraiser whenever it is!

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CONFIRMATION If your child is going to be in Y9 next year, he or she is eligible to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. The course does not start until January, so don't panic! Watch this space and the parish website for information about how to apply and when.

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Marriage Preparation Are you getting married in the next year? Our next marriage preparation course is being held on Saturday 17th November. Places are limited so book soon if you need to do the course. Bookings should be made through this address: catholicmarriageprep@outlook.com.

Date for Diary

Tuesday 17th July

2.30pm Mass at Milford Lodge. All are welcome.

8:30pm UCM Social Evening in the Hall.

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Quaker Peace Garden The North Herts Inter-faith Forum has presented a picnic table in the grounds of the Friends Meeting House in Brand Street. Fr Tom will be there to help with its dedication this Sunday, 15th July, at 1pm and members of all churches are invited to come to the ceremony.

AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 88

Our Daily Love - Love is kind, at the service of others

"The word chresteuetai indicates that love benefits and helps others. For this reason it is translated as 'kind. Love is ready to be of assistance. Love strives to be ever ready to be of assistance."

