



# 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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21<sup>st</sup> July – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 16<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 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – Child Cancer
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	No Parents & Toddlers
	Christian Meditation Group EC – 11.45am
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer - Church - 9.30am
	Bethany Club - Hall - 10.30am-3pm
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary - Church - 9.30am
	RCIA - EC - 7.30pm
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Italian Club – Hall – 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group EC 6.30pm
	No choir practice
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	No Parents & Toddlers
	Lectio Divina - EC - 2pm
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – Diapalante

**Readings: Jer 23:1-6, Eph 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34**

**Entrance Antiphon:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Intercession Lord, we are your flock

Response: **Give us your peace**

**Next week: Kings 4:42-44, Eph 4:1-6, John 6:1-15**

This week's counting teams:

**Sunday Team: 2 Monday Team: 2**

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If you are going on holiday why not pick up a newsletter from the church you go to Mass at and bring it home for us to see. Always after new ideas and never ashamed to borrow them! Also send Trish (What's App 07801 752141 or [trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk)) a picture of you at the church and we can create a display of our holidaying parishioners. Stay safe and have a good rest.

### 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:** The Gospel calls individual Christians to live lives of honesty, **integrity** and concern for the common good... to create circles of **integrity**..., networks of solidarity which can expand to embrace and transform society by their prophetic witness. . . (Pope Francis). If **integrity** is as important as Pope Francis says, why it is not one of the gifts of the Spirit? The Church believes that Adam (and Eve) were created with the gift of **Integrity** but, at the Fall, the gift was corrupted along with many other gifts, including immortality and infused knowledge. Having been corrupted by Original Sin, like Adam and Eve after their expulsion from the garden, we have to work to restore them. Fortunately, Jesus has made this possible giving us the gifts of the Spirit to help achieve this. Leo Thomas wrote: Integrity happens when you do the right thing, when you make the right choices. Integrity speaks plainly. Integrity is seen when you do what you say and say what you mean and helps you keep doing the best you can. If you do your very best every day, you will discover that you have become a person of integrity. Don Pettinelli adds: Integrity gives us the courage to admit when we are wrong and choose to do what is right. It inspires us to be humble and treat others with respect no matter who they are. It is learned over time and becomes embedded in our hearts. It encourages us to focus on what we can give to the world with truthfulness and faith in God.

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Thankyou for your continued generosity to CAFOD. Last week's collection raised £384.29.

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**Michaelmas Fair Sat 6<sup>th</sup> October.** Many thanks to the young parishioners who submitted designs for our 'Save the Oceans' theme. The chosen design will be printed on our special bags which will be on sale at the fair and all designs will be exhibited on that day. Meanwhile offers for the 'Promises Auction' continue to be made. Voucher for a day out at Summerfields Miniature Railways for a family of 4 in 2019 and for a meal at the Plume of Feathers in Ickleford. If you regularly visit a local pub or restaurant why not ask if they would like to offer a voucher or even a bottle for our ever-popular Bottle tombola.

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**Lee Walker raising funds for GOSH:** "I have less than one week to go...over 1000 miles clocked up in the saddle and ready for the challenge now. I will be posting pics on Twitter (@lee\_1973) and Instagram (leewilliam1973) throughout the challenge." Support this great cause: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lee-walker32](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lee-walker32).

CAFOD is looking for volunteers to take their message into Catholic primary / secondary schools in this area. Volunteers will be supported with training and resources. Call 0208-449-6970, email [wschools@cafod.org.uk](mailto:wschools@cafod.org.uk)

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**Women's World day of prayer** representative needed from our church. Wanda who has represented us for the past few years needs to focus on the health needs of her family so we need someone to attend the meetings and pass back information to us so we can support this prayer event. It is not a regular commitment but occasional attendance. Event takes place in March 19. Please let Trish know if you can help.

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Older parishioner living in the Ninesprings areas in need of help for two hours in your week, paid role (no cleaning involved), with general things around the house, to chat and occasionally give lifts to hospital/doctor appointments, please let Trish know asap.

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Message from catholic family from Auckland New Zealand. In Sept my almost 19-year-old daughter is moving to Hitchin to study at Emildale academy. We were hoping to get a home family for her to stay with. I'm just wondering if there would be any families in the parish who would be 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 good with children. If you can help please contact Eileen Roger at [eileen@bringiton.co.nz](mailto:eileen@bringiton.co.nz)

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St Vincent de Paul is recruiting a Research and Project Development Officer £27k pa pro rata; 3 days a week; 1-year contract. Home-based with national travel. Closing date Wed 25<sup>th</sup> July 18. Application pack/details <https://www.svp.org.uk/>

**Date for Diary**

**Monday 23 July**

**No mass** at Stagenhoe this week. Please keep Linda Budd in your prayers as she is in hospital.

**AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 89**

*Our Daily Love - Love is kind, at the service of others* St. Paul wants to stress love is more than a mere feeling. Rather it is to be understood along the lines of the Hebrew verb 'to love' as 'to do good'. *(To will the good of others and then with God's help act accordingly.)* St. Ignatius of Loyola says, 'Love is shown more by deeds than by words'.

