



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 1797

28th July – 4th August 2018 – 17th 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 29 th	Coffee Morning – Diapalante
Monday 30 th	Christian Meditation Group EC – 11.45am
Tuesday 31 st	Morning Prayer - Church - 9.30am Bethany Club - Hall - 10.30am-3pm No Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 1 st Aug	Rosary - Church - 9.30am
Thursday 2 nd	Italian Club – Hall – 1pm Christian Meditation Group EC 6.30pm No UCM in August
Friday 3 rd	Lectio Divina - EC - 2pm
Sunday 5 th	Coffee Morning Baptism Course – Hall – 3pm

Readings: Kings 4:42-44, Eph 4:1-6, John 6:1-15

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Psalm: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

Intercession: Lord you are close to us

Response: **We call you from our hearts!**

Next week Ex 16:2-4, Eph 4:17.20-24, John 6:24-35



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.

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 3 Monday Team: 3



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Living sustainably: Only water gardens after 8pm in the evening and before 8am in the morning - for maximum benefit from dwindling resources

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



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 did Jesus know they were hungry? Probably because he was hungry himself! A story is told about the boy with the barley loaves. He had woken up early that morning having heard that Jesus was nearby. He knew Jesus was a great storyteller and really loved Children, so he was determined to meet him. But his mother would not let him go until she had made him something to eat. As always, she made far too much (in case he needed to share his meal with others). She was thoughtful like that. Having reached Jesus and hearing that the disciples were looking for food, he immediately volunteered his food to help. He just could not believe that it would feed so many. And, he had to admit that it was the best meal of his life!! John's story reinforces the belief that Jesus is aware of our needs both physical and spiritual even before we are. His inner love is such that he must respond to that need. The greater truth is that Jesus responds by using our help: the small quantity of food of the little boy that fed so many. There is no excuse to stop us from responding to the needs of others, however insurmountable the need may appear to be. And, experience reveals that, whenever we reach out to help others, we receive far, far more than we are ever able to give. . . . Whoever would want for a greater friend than Jesus?

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SonSeekers youth ministry team need your help and ideas. We are having a BBQ at Trish's house on Sunday 19th August at 12.30pm to discuss things. If you are willing to get involved and support the young people in our parish in this way please come along. Can you let Trish know if you are able to come at trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk

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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

Wednesday 1st August

11am Mass at Elmside.

Other Items

11th November 2018 marks the **Centenary of the Armistice** at the end of the First World War. On 4th August 1918, the fourth anniversary of the beginning of the War, George V, attended a service of prayer in Westminster which he had personally requested. The War ended 100 days later. With that in mind, a group of Christian organisations have organised **Remembrance 100**. Beginning on Saturday 4th August, short prayers and reflections on peace have been prepared for each of the 100 days to the 11th November, culminating in 'Six R's of Reconciliation' suggested by the Archbishop of Canterbury for Armistice Day itself. Copies of this resource will be on the parish website and hard copies available before August 4th.

As a way of launching the 100 days here in Hitchin. There will be a service arranged on behalf of CTH by Hitchin Society of Friends (Quakers) at Friends Meeting House in its Peace Garden at **11 am on Saturday 4th August**. All are welcome.

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A female Chinese student of languages would like to talk, using Skype or similar means, with an English person in her late teens or early twenties who is undertaking or planning to undertake studies related to China, preferably including Chinese language. Anyone interested please contact Philip Bell at aphbell@yahoo.co.uk

Future date

Aug 3 7pm Built on Faith Film Night You are invited to attend the viewing of "The Same Kind of Different as Me" Based on the incredible true story that has inspired millions at Westmill Community Centre, John Barker Place, Hitchin SG5 2PG. Refreshments available on the night. For more info contact: Pastor Donald Smith on 07737451105 or bof_biblewaychurch@yahoo.co.uk.

AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 90

Our Daily Love - Love is kind, at the service of others St. Paul uses the verb zeloi - to be jealous or envious. Love has no room for discomfiture at another person's good fortune. (All of us may feel it at sometime!) Envy is a kind of sadness provoked by another's prosperity. Love helps us rise above ourselves. Envy closes us in on ourselves."

