



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 1798

4th August – 11th August 2018 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
Diary



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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Sunday 5th	Coffee Morning Baptism Course – Hall – 3pm
Monday 6th	Christian Meditation Group EC – 11.45am
Tuesday 7th	Morning Prayer - Church - 9.30am Bethany Club - Hall - 10.30am-3pm Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
Wednesday 8th	Rosary - Church - 9.30am Praise Group – LCR – 10.35am No RCIA
Thursday 9th	Italian Club – Hall – 1pm Christian Meditation Group EC 6.30pm No UCM in August
Friday 10th	Lectio Divina - EC - 2pm
Sunday 12th	Coffee Morning - OLSSG Baptism Course – Hall – 3.30pm

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

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Intercession: You give us what is good
Response: Lord, hear our prayer!

Next week: Kings 19:4-8, Eph 4:30-5:2, John 6:41-51

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 4 Monday Team: 4

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Margaret Murray would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped at the recent coffee morning in aid of child cancer and in particular for her nephew – Jake Smith. Special thanks to Peter who organised it and to everyone who donated items for sale, baked cakes and helped on the day. £328.20 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



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:

References to the importance and value of bread abound. *"Bread is the king of the table and all else is merely the court that surrounds the king. The countries are the soup, the meat, the vegetables, the salad, but bread is king."* (Louis Bromfield). *"The bread that you store up belongs to the hungry; the coat that lies in your chest belongs to the naked; the gold that you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor."* – St. Basil. *With a piece of bread in your hand, you will find paradise under a pine tree.* (Russian Proverb). *Rather a piece of bread with a happy heart than wealth with grief.* (Egyptian Proverb). *Better dry bread in peacetime than meat in wartime.* – Hungarian Proverb. We call Bread *"the staff of life!"* By calling himself the Bread of Life, Jesus enriched the meaning and understanding of the phrase. Some food we eat is special, not just because of its taste but because of who made it. Mum's apple pie always tastes better than anyone else's and when we do not have it, we yearn for a slice. What is also true is that it does not taste the same, unless she is present. Jesus is always present in the bread we receive at the Eucharist (no matter who gives it to us) but it will not taste the same or nourish us in the same way unless we are aware of Jesus' presence?

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Today (Sunday) - the first Session of the Baptism Course starts at 3pm until 4:30 and the second half runs next Sunday (12th) starting at 3:30pm until 4:30 and then 5pm Mass, where the children will receive their first anointing of baptism. If you need to do the course (it can be for a baby you are expecting as well as one that's out and about!) you are welcome. Just sign up on the sheet in the Link (down the steps in the church porch) on the noticeboard.

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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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We pray for Anna Miceli whose funeral is on **Wednesday 8 August at 11.30am** here at Our Lady's Church. May she rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort her family.

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

Monday 6th August

2:30pm Mass at Gosmore. All are welcome.

Wednesday 8th August

10.35am Praise Group meeting– LCR.

2:30pm Mass at Foxholes. All are welcome

Future dates

August 6th

Is the 73rd anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima - there is a vigil in London from 10am to 5pm outside Westminster Cathedral with prayers at 11:30am and 3:30pm. For more information see:

<http://paxchristi.org.uk/resources/prayer-and-seasonal/> Please support if you can.

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August 9th

Is the 73rd anniversary of the bombings of Nagasaki - there is a vigil in London from 10am to 5pm outside Westminster Cathedral with prayers at 11:30am and 3:30pm. At 6:30pm in the Crypt Chapel of Westminster Cathedral, there will be the annual service marking the anniversary of the execution of Bl Franz Jägerstätter in Berlin in 1943 for refusing to serve in Hitler's army. This will be followed by the annual interfaith peace walk to Battersea Park Peace Pagoda. Please support or take part if you can.

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Our Daily Love - Love is not jealous True love values the other person's achievements. It does not see them as a threat. It frees us from the sour taste of envy.



Love recognises everyone has different gifts and a unique path in life. Love strives to discover its own road to happiness, allowing others to find theirs.