



# 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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11<sup>th</sup> August – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – 19<sup>th</sup> 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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<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning - OLSSG Baptism Course – Hall – 3.30pm
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Christian Meditation Group EC – 11.45am
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Prayer - Church - 9.30am Bethany Club - Hall - 10.30am-3pm Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary - Church - 9.30am No RCIA
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Italian Club – Hall – 1pm Christian Meditation Group EC 6.30pm No UCM in August
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Lectio Divina - EC - 2pm
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – One World Group Benediction prayer for the Eucharistic Congress - Church 6pm

**Readings: Kings 19:4-8, Eph 4:30-5:2, John 6:41-51**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Look to your covenant, O Lord and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God and defend your cause and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good**

Intercession: Lord we call on you

Response: **Feed us with your life!**

**Next week: Proverbs 9:1-6, Eph 5:15-20, John 6:51-58**

This week's counting teams:

**Sunday Team: 5 Monday Team: 1**



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There will be an appeal next weekend (18<sup>th</sup>19<sup>th</sup> August) by a Comboni Missionary Sister at all Masses.

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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.

### 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**  
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:** "Follow Christ, loving as he loved you . . ." The belief in the 'Real Presence' of Christ in the Eucharist both feeds, challenges, motivates and inspires us to love as Christ loves us. As bread, Jesus is alive, and, in receiving the Eucharist (and even if we don't) Christ is present in us. In fact, Christ is present in every encounter whether it be with a person or creation. Following Christ, then, is a lived experience, a lived relationship. However, too often, we fail to recognise this presence of Christ in our encounters and we miss out. Think of the words "I Love you!" The phrase allows for many different interpretations. Sometimes it just means I like you, but could mean I really like you. It could mean you are an important or the most important person in my life. It can express the deepest form of love for another person, wanting only the best for them and their happiness – many different levels of understanding. When we recognise that Jesus is present in all levels of love, we discover that his presence adds something more profound and enriching to them. In the Transfiguration, celebrated last Monday, Jesus reveals himself as he really is, in his transcendence and his divinity, taking us to a new and deeper level of understanding. We are taken beyond the physical. Loving as Jesus loves leads us into living in the eternal, in the transcendent, in the spiritual and in the divine. Who wouldn't want to follow Christ?

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**Roadworks affecting access to our church.** Maintenance works started on 6 August 2018 and will last for approximately 5 weeks. Roads to the church may be shut at some times. **Grove Road:** 16 - 22 August, resurfacing works 8pm - 5am. 3 - 8 September, carriageway reconstruction 8pm - 5am.

**Bedford Road roundabout:** 23 - 25 August, carriageway reconstruction 8pm - 5am.

**Nightingale Road roundabout:** 28 - 31 August, carriageway reconstruction 8pm - 5am. The works will be completed using road closures, with a fully signed diversion route.

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**On Tuesday 14th August,** the Vigil of the Feast of the Assumption, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com).

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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](mailto:catholicmarriageprep@outlook.com).

## Dates for Diary

### Wednesday 15 August

The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a holy day of obligation and Mass will be celebrated at 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm.

### Sunday 19 August

**6pm Benediction** with prayer for the Eucharistic Congress taking place in Liverpool 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September. 6 members of our parish are attending

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### Future dates

**Rosary on the Coast.** Many of you will have joined in the Rosary on the Coast on 29th April, when thousands gathered to pray for Faith, Life and Peace. This prayer initiative started in Poland in 2017, followed by Ireland and the UK, it has now spread through several countries including India and New Zealand. This community now invites us to join THE MIRACULOUS 54 DAY ROSARY NOVENA – starting on August 15th, Feast of the Assumption and culminating on October 7th. This 54 Day Rosary Novena will be prayed in our homes and families as normal. On the last day, Oct 7th, we will gather at 3pm under the Cross of the Lord as one family in our Churches or Communities.

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**Built on Faith** are Having a coach-trip to Blackpool on Bank Holiday Monday 27/08/2018. Come with us and see the tower, Tower, Ballroom and Beach. All are welcome. Price per seat. Adults: £30. Children £24. For more info contact: Pastor Donald Smith on 07737451105 or [bof\\_biblewaychurch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bof_biblewaychurch@yahoo.co.uk)

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The next Healing and Wholeness service will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 3 pm (please note change of time). Parishioners who feel the need for these gifts are invited to share in this time of prayer, during which the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing will be celebrated.

### AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 92

*Our Daily Love - Love is not jealous* Love means fulfilling the last two commandments of God's Law: 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house, you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's'. (Ex. 20:17)

