



# 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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8<sup>th</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

## Diary

<b>Mass Times</b>	
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 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – KISS Adoration – Church – 12.30-4pm
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b> Scout Hut Beavers 6pm Cubs 7.15pm	Christian Meditation Group EC – 11.45am Parents & Toddlers - Hall 9.30am Tenants of King – LCR 7.30pm
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> Scout Hut Scouts 7pm	Morning Prayer - Church - 9.30am Bethany Club - Hall - 10.30am-3pm Eucharistic Service - 7.15pm FHC – Hall 7.30pm
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Rosary - Church - 9.30am Praise Group – LCR – 10.35am Tenants of King – LCR – 3 pm RCIA – EC – 7.30pm
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b> Scout Hut Brownies 6.30pm	Italian Club – Hall – 1pm Christian Meditation Group EC 6.30pm Choir Practice – Church 8pm
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Parents & Toddlers - Hall 9.15am
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – OWG Benediction – Church – 6pm



If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify the Chaplain on Tel: **01438 285519**  
Email: [spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net](mailto:spiritualcare.enh-tr@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.

**Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37**

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Psalm: My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

**Intercession:** Lord of healing!

**Response: Help us in our need!**

**Next week: Isaiah 50:5-9, James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35**

This week's counting teams:

**Sunday Team: 2 Monday Team: 1**

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This Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> Sept) 12.30 – 4.30  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**  
Please spend some time with the Lord today.

### 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 many of you have hearing aids? Are they not signs of the importance our hearing is to us? One of the great things they do is filter out all the extraneous noise and help focus on what is being said. This is what Jesus always wants to do for us. Hearing what is said provides us with a link to everybody else, helps us feel that we belong, that we are in the know. So, it is important that the word proclaimed in Church is articulate, clear and understandable, not rushed or mumbled, and free of mistakes. Only then can we really be open to the message the words convey. Wherever you go, in whatever group one belongs or company one works for, communication is of top priority and yet it is often the cause behind many a mishap or failure because it has been misunderstood. Hearing, then, is not enough; it must be accompanied by right understanding. How often is an innocent phrase misunderstood and causes hurt and ill feeling? This week, Jesus not only cures the deaf man, but the deaf man is able to speak clearly – I believe the man would have expressed his joy, happiness and gratitude for the gift he had been given. Does this not mean that, if we truly hear the word that is spoken to us each week, we, too, will want to speak about the message we have received, to share that message with others – a message we would convey with joy, happiness and thanksgiving!

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**MICHAELMAS FAIR 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

This week your newsletter will have been delivered in an envelope which also contains up to date information about the Michaelmas Fair. It includes posters for you to display, an invitation to offer goods or services for the Promises Auction, information about the flowers, arts and crafts and four books of raffle tickets for you to purchase and/or sell to your family and friends. Please support the fair in any way you can. Proceeds from the raffle tickets should be returned to the parish office or to Trish or Pam Brannigan.

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**SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

We have collected a wonderful range of goods so far. Next week we are asking for good quality toys and games for the children's stall. Please ensure that puzzles and games have all their pieces and that soft toys are in good condition. We want to ensure that all our children have a lovely time at the fair. **Would someone volunteer to run a CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA?** We have been given quite a lot of chocolate items and this would be a

good way of ensuring everyone has a chance to share it. Items can go in the red baskets in the porch or can be collected by Pam Brannigan (01462 632587)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION**

If you have a child who will be in Y3 next year and you wish her or him to be enrolled on the programme of preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, you are asked to attend an information evening on Tuesday 11th September in the church hall, at 7:30pm. Dates for the course and the application form are available on the parish website. Hard copy application forms are available in the church porch. Applications need to be submitted by 16th September. Susanna looks forward to meeting you all.



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**DO YOU NEED TO DO A BAPTISM COURSE?** If

you want your child to be baptised, you need to have done a preparation course within the last three years. If this describes you, please register your interest on the sheet on the noticeboard in the Link (down the steps, between the church porch and the hall). Dates will be published on the website and in the parish newsletter.



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**From the gardening group** We are delighted and very grateful for the £128.10 raised for the Gardening group at last Sunday's cake sale. Thank you. Our next gardening session will be on Saturday 13th October (due to the Michaelmas Fair being on the 6th October). We are in desperate need of more helpers. If you have a very general understanding of gardening or just want to get your hands muddy, please join us in the church car park at 9am on the 13th.

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**Our next Son seekers** Mass will be on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the 10.30 Mass. Please come to this fun liturgy. You need to arrive early to register so aim for 10.15am.



Please also note that they are hosting a **Pet Blessing service** on October 4<sup>th</sup> (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) at 6pm. Details to follow.

**Date for Diary**

**Tuesday 11 Sept**

**7:30pm First Communion** Information evening in the hall

**Wednesday 12 Sept**

**10.40 am Praise Group** meet in the Lower Committee Room. All who love singing are welcome. We sing with enthusiasm with the help of a guitar, choosing the hymns from the last month's liturgy.

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**2.30pm Mass at Foxholes.** All are welcome.

**AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 94**

*Our Daily Love - Love is not jealous* Those who love learn to focus on others and do not need to be the centre of attention. They grow in their ability to understand, to show concern and embrace the weak. They become part the strength of a family.

