



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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22nd September – 29th September 2018 – 25th 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 23rd	Coffee Morning – Christmas Hamper Appeal
Monday 24th Scout Hut Beavers 6pm Cubs 7.15pm	Christian Meditation Group EC – 11.45am Parents & Toddlers - Hall 9.30am Tenants of King – LCR 7.30pm
Tuesday 25th Scout Hut Scouts 7pm	Morning Prayer - Church - 9.30am Bethany Club - Hall - 10.30am-3pm Eucharistic Service - 7.15pm
Wednesday 26th	Rosary - Church - 9.30am Tenants of King – Fr Andrew flat – 3 pm RCIA – EC – 7.30pm
Thursday 27th Scout Hut Brownies 6.30pm	Italian Club – Hall – 1pm Christian Meditation Group EC 6.30pm Choir Practice – Church 8pm
Friday 28th	Parents & Toddlers - Hall 9.15am Lectio Divina – EC – 2pm
Sunday 30th	Coffee Morning – Bereavement Grp

Readings: 2:12.17-20, James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them and I will be their Lord for ever.

Psalm: The Lord upholds my life!

Intercession: God, you are our help

Response: Hear our prayer!

Next week: Num 11:25-29, Ja 5:1-6, Mk 9:38-43.45.47-48

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 4 Monday Team: 3

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Sacrament of Reconciliation – There will be an Inscription Mass at all Masses next weekend (29th/30th September) for parents and children.

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On **Sat 29 Sept** there will be an event in the Hall between 10am and 5.30pm. Please bear this in mind when coming to Mass that day as the car park may be busier than usual.

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

H 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 285519**
Email: 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.

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: What's so attractive and appealing about children? They are obviously special or Jesus would not have asked us to become like them. When I have asked people about children, they say that *innocence* is what makes them so attractive. The great value of innocence is that it is non-threatening; it allows us to be ourselves and inspires us to reach out and want to help. We respond to innocence with honesty and openness. No wonder Jesus asks us to become like little children. Little children are trusting; just listen to the cries of a child separated from his/her parent(s) in a supermarket! Children inspire hope, dreams and possibilities; they engender a charm and an appeal that brings out the best in us. In becoming like children, just think what we inspire in God. He sees all our possibilities, the hope we embody, the inspiration we can be, but, most of all, he sees our huge potential. In placing our love and trust in God, anything and everything is possible. *"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about."* — Angela Schwindt. *"Children seldom misquote. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said."* *"A child inspires in me two sentiments — tenderness for what he is and respect for what he may become."* — Louis Pasteur. *"Always kiss your children goodnight, even if they're already asleep."* — H. Jackson Brown, Jr. *"Mummy I'm not kidding, I'm not joking and I'm not playing. I need chocolate!"* Sophie (3) *"It's tough being a kid, but even tougher being a good kid"*. David, (9) *Lying drives your conscience crazy.* Kyle, (10)

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents of Y3 children, if you have not already done so, please sign up for the Inscription Mass. The sheet is on the noticeboard in the Link (the bit down the steps between the church porch and the parish hall). The first session is on Tuesday 16th October in the Hall at 7:30pm. Please also see the separate notice about dates for sessions, in this newsletter and/or on the website.

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HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME DATES

For those people who cannot attend the Tuesday evening sessions, I have negotiated a slot to deliver the sessions a second time, at Our Lady School, at 3:30pm in the Y3 classroom. These sessions are the same as the Tuesday evening ones – just delivered at a different time and venue. Parents must be aware, please, that they must supervise any children present. The dates are: Wednesday 17th October, Wednesday 7th November; Wednesday 5th December;

Wednesday 6th February. All these sessions start promptly at 3:30pm and will last until approximately 4:45pm.

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Michelmas Fair 6th October

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RAFFLE TICKETS

Thanks for all those who returned proceeds and stubs from their raffle tickets to the office or to Trish or

Pam. More books are available on request.

PRODUCE Next weekend (28th/29th) we are asking for non-perishable produce of all kinds. Jam, marmalade, chutney, groceries etc. We hope the parish bakers will also contribute to our ever-popular cake stall. However bakes and cakes should be brought to the Hall on the morning of the fair or the previous afternoon (Friday 5th October)

ARTS AND CRAFTS Our wonderful parish artists and craftspeople are invited to display their work in the church. It is really great to see the range of talent in the parish. This year we hope to have two artists at work as well as an opportunity to admire the flowers displayed by our parish group and the Brownie pack. All flowers will be on sale and may be collected as the fair comes to an end.

NEW STALLS The UCM are presenting a brand new 'Date Game' and the Uniformed groups have a 'Wheel of Fortune'. If you would like a souvenir from our old organ, parish ornithologist Davis Whittaker has designed bird boxes made from the wooden casings. These will be on sale at the fair or may be ordered and delivered in time for Christmas.

LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION A collection will be taken after all Masses next weekend to provide floats for the stalls at the fair.

GOODS may be left in the red baskets in the porch or collected by Pam Brannigan (01462 632587).

Many thanks for all your support for the fair which will benefit our new chapel, the school and Diapalante's Education Centre in Senegal.

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Our Lady school will be holding an **Open Evening on Thursday 8th November 2018** at 7pm for parents interested in applying for their child to join Our Lady School in September 2019. The Head teacher will give a short presentation and then there will be an opportunity to look around the school and speak to staff and governors. If you would like to attend this event please contact the school office to book a place on 01462 622555. For details see the notice board in the porch.

The **John Henry Newman School** warmly invites parents of Year 6 pupils to an Open Evening on Thursday 27th September, from 5.30 – 8.30 pm. Prospectuses and Application Forms will be available on the evening and the Headteacher, Mr Mathew, will start his talk at 7.30 pm. The last tour of the school on the Open Evening will be at 7.00 pm. There will be opportunities for parents to view the School the following week..

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Parents who are applying for a place at John Henry Newman school for Sept 2019 need to meet with Fr Tom bringing the supplementary information form, baptismal certificate and a photograph of the child. There is no need to bring your child. Please sign up for an appointment on the notice board in the porch.

4th October 6pm on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi bring your pets to the church for prayers and a blessing on the feast of this great saint who loved animals and God's creation. This is the first time we have taken a leaf out of the book of the Vicar of Dibley. The service will be outside unless the weather is poor and when we will be in the hall.



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Your Help is Needed Parishioner Joan Gentle who lives round the corner from the church needs someone to pick her up (or walk around with her) and drop her off at Mass on a Tuesday for 10am. She also needs someone to pick her up again at the end of Bethany Club (about 2.45pm) or walk her home again. If a few people offer then the commitment is only once a month. Joan is a long standing parishioner who is greatly loved and has served this parish faithfully over the years. It is a privilege for us to help her now in this way. Please speak to Trish if you are able to help.

Date for Diary

Monday 24 September

11am Mass at Stagenhoe at 11am. All are welcome. Please be in the car park at 10.35 if you want a lift with Trish

Future Diary dates

Sept 29 LOVE HEALS BODY MIND and SPIRIT MINISTRY welcome you to come to a one day Retreat of quiet Reflection on Saturday 29th September 2018, 11:00am – 5:00pm. The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Rosary, Latin Mass, Lunch, (Please bring your own Lunch - Tea and Coffee available) . Scripture Talk -

Christian Meditation - Blessed Adoration , Healing Prayers - Praise & Worship.

Oct 1 The Guild of Our Lady & St Joseph warmly welcomes you to a lecture commemorating the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Humanae Vitae*. We are delighted that Edmund Adamus will give this address. Date: 1 October, 2018. Location: St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, London W1D 4NR. Time: Doors will open at 6:45 pm and the lecture will begin at 7:00 pm. Refreshments and Q&A will follow. Admission: £5 at the door. Registration: guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com

Oct 11 Refugees: *Where to Start? A Parish Response* – Thursday 11th October Join us for an evening of practical advice on understanding the nature and challenges of the refugee crisis and how parishes, groups and individuals can play their part in alleviating 'the wounds of refugees' (Pope Francis). Bishop Paul McAleenan will be leading the event, and will be joined by other organisations including the Jesuit Refugee Service, Enfield Welcome Group, Notre Dame Refugee Service and the Haringey Migrant Support Centre, as well as many others. The event will be held on **Thursday 11th October, 7-9pm, at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN**. Tea and coffee will be available from 6.30pm. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk, or call on 0207 798 9030. Alternatively, you can register your attendance on Eventbrite, by searching for 'A Parish Response to Refugees: Where to Start?'

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Our Daily Love - Love is not jealous "In family life, the logic of domination and competition about who is the most intelligent or powerful.



Michaelmas Fair Auction Promises

Saturday 6th October 10.30am-2.30pm

Below is the updated list of auction promises so far. See next week's newsletter for final list. If you wish to make a bid on one of these items in advance of the Michaelmas fair please email pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com with the Lot no. and your bid.

LOT 1: Two for One - General Labouring Work - Philippe James & John Scott Two of the biggest and ugliest parishioners will carry out unskilled work for you - the heavier and dirtier the better ! Previous auction tasks have included grubbing-out hedges , clearing undergrowth & turf-laying. We're not limited to - and certainly not particularly skilled at - gardening work. We can clear gutters, fix straightforward building problems , take rubble to the recycling-centre - in short anything you don't want to do yourself.

LOTs 2,8,16: Home baked Christmas cake from Joan Tebbutt. This delicious cake will help you get in the Christmas spirit. (3 cakes to be auctioned across the day)

LOT 3: Tickets for 4 for Summerfields miniature trains Take your little ones for the ride of their life on top of the working model trains, bringing their play toys into real life.

LOT 4: Spanish meal for 6 cooked in your home by Lola – experience gourmet Spanish cooking in the comfort of your own kitchen and dining room!

Lot 5: Two hours of gardening including weeding and pruning offered by parishioner Helen Bailey.

LOT 6 45 minute piano lesson offered by parishioner Steph Dias (all ages & levels)

LOT 7: Personal hairdressing service offered by **Leticia Kay** - cut and blow dry at your convenience in your own home.

LOT 9: Session on how to organise and declutter your home given by Systematic Homes Organising and Decluttering Service expert – Joanne Harte

Lot 10: Handcrafted wooden garden items. beautifully hand crafted bird tables and bird boxes. (several items may be available)

Lot 11: Personal taxi service 6 return journeys to hospital, shopping, appointments etc. Offered by parishioner Bernard Glenholme.

Lot 12: Voucher for a meal at the Plume of Feathers (value £20) for a well deserved treat for you or share with a friend!

Lot 13: 2 small embroideries – Ann Milner will embroider a design which will be between A6 and A5 size, (guide picture and actual dimensions to be supplied later) and as I embroider it, I will be praying for your intentions. You don't need to tell me your intentions, the Lord will know them! A great gift for that hard to buy for friend.

Lot 14 A meal for two with a cocktail at The Hermitage Rd Bar and Restaurant. Voucher has 12 month expiry.

Lot 15 A meal for two with wine at Sukawatee, offering the finest Thai and Malaysian cuisine. Voucher expires at end Feb 2019.

Lot 17 Two course lunch for Two at Hitchin's most recent restaurant opening **Kite at The Red Hart** to be used by 1st December 2018.

Lot 18 Family Day Pass for 5 (plus car) at Center Parcs Woburn Forest. Money can't buy opportunity.