



# 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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29<sup>th</sup> September – 6 October 2018 – 26<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 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – Bereavement Group 
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b> <b>Scout Hut</b> <b>Beavers 6pm</b> <b>Cubs 7.15pm</b>	Christian Meditation Group EC – 11.45am
	Parents & Toddlers - Hall 9.30am
	Live Simply – EC – 2.30pm
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Scout Hut</b> <b>Scouts 7pm</b>	Tenants of King – LCR 7.30pm
	Morning Prayer - Church - 9.30am
	Bethany Club - Hall - 10.30am-3pm <b>NO</b> Eucharistic Service UCM – Hall – 8pm – Flower Display
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Rosary - Church - 9.30am
	Tenants of King – EC – 3 pm
	RCIA – EC – 7.30pm
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Scout Hut</b> <b>Brownies 6.30pm</b>	St Padre Pio – LCR – 10.35am
	Italian Club – Hall – 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group EC 6.30pm
	Choir Practice – Church 8pm
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Parents & Toddlers - Hall 9.15am
	Lectio Divina – EC – 2pm
	Michaelmas Fair Prep
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MICHAELMAS FAIR 10.30-2.30</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee Morning – SPUC

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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](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: Num 11:25-29, James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48**

**Entrance Antiphon:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**Psalm:** The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

**Intercession:** Fill us with your Spirit!

**Response:** Help us to choose life!

**Next week: Gen 2:18-24, Heb 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16**

This week's counting teams:

**Sunday Team: 5 Monday Team: 4** 

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



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.

### 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

Michaelmas

MICHAELMAS

FAIR

SATURDAY

6TH

OCTOBER

We have had great support from the parish through the donation of goods, offers of help and promises for the auction. All we need now is your presence on the day. Do come along and have a really good time, try our wonderful international food, do some early Christmas shopping and bid for goods, services and meals at the promises auction. There are many bargains to be had as well as plenty of children's activities including a puppet show and workshop where you can make your own puppet. All our old favourites will be there: bottle tombola; cakes and produce; bric a brac among many others. This year the UCM have a new game for us and if you would like a souvenir from our old organ there will be bird boxes on sale made from the pipe casings. You can buy our parish 'Save the Oceans' bags, designed by a young parishioner to carry your purchases home. Your entry programme will include everything you need to know including the timing of the auction. It also entitles you to a free drink and cake.

**A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** the grand raffle will be drawn at 2pm and we have some wonderful prizes. Please return your stubs, cash and any unsold tickets to the office or contact Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) who will collect or supply more books if you would like them.

**HELPERS CHART:** Do sign up for a session at your favourite stall. The chart will be on display in the porch until next Saturday morning.

**PROMISES AUCTION:** A list of pledges received is attached to this newsletter. Silent bids may be made c/o pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com before the auction takes place.

**LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION:** will be taken after all Masses this weekend to help supply floats for the stalls.

**CAKES:** Please bring cakes to the Hall before 10.30am on the 6th. The Hall will be open from 8.00am on the day and also between 2pm and 7pm on Friday (5th) for setting up and the display of arts, crafts and flowers in the church.

**FINALLY** a word of thanks to you all. The Michaelmas Fair is a wonderful occasion for everyone in the parish and beyond to come together for a day of fun and friendship. It is also an opportunity for us to offer financial support to our parish, the new chapel, Our

### Ramblings for Reflection:

It is always easy to accept something that Jesus says as right but less easy to translate it into our lives today. People of other faiths promote exactly the same things as Jesus (e.g. love your neighbour) even if they do not use his name. Which means they, also, are on our side. However, like Jesus' disciple, we often focus on the negative side of a person and fail to see the good. Ecumenism has taught us the great similarities that exist among the Christian Churches. Similarities that far outweigh our differences. This common ground helps us better evaluate and understand our differences. The Jewish leaders failed to see the good that Jesus was doing because they, too, were hung-up on the negatives they saw in him. This eventually led to their downfall, the loss of their city and temple, and their power. If Jesus focused on the negatives in our lives, we would have fallen apart long ago, but he doesn't. In focusing on the good that is within us, Jesus helps us bring that goodness to fruition and continually encourages us to perform even greater deeds. Shouldn't we do the same for others? Have you ever experienced any joy in a grumbler or faultfinder? Whether their grumbles or fault-finding is true or not, they leave us feeling sad and depressed. Life is always so much more fulfilling, joyful and happy when we focus on the good in others. What we all need and want is **Good News**. So! Let us be **Gospel** people!

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4<sup>th</sup> 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. The service will be outside unless the weather is poor – and then will be in the Hall.

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There will be a second collection next weekend (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October) in aid of **Cafod Family Fast Day**.

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Following last week's very successful and joyful Son Seekers Sunday we invited parents who are attending anyway to help with the events in the future. We really need help to be able to continue this important part of our youth ministry and liturgy. Please contact Helen Bailey [hbailey@talktalk.net](mailto:hbailey@talktalk.net) or Maeve Green [maeve@heavenlycakes.co.uk](mailto:maeve@heavenlycakes.co.uk) with to help.



Lady's School and Diapalante's education centre in Senegal.



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White Poppy-making Workshops to honour the victims of wars during and since World War One. Workshops will take place in the Lower Committee Room. Times as follows: Wed 10/10/2018: 15:00 - 16:15 & Sat 20/10/2018: 10:45 - 12:00

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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 contact Pauline Gentle, her daughter, at [gentleprior@btinternet.com](mailto:gentleprior@btinternet.com)



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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.

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**Scout Hut**

With Fr Tom's consent, we are examining options for replacement of the Scout Hut and as part of that process, we have submitted an application for Planning Permission to build a replacement. The plans, which are subject to approval and any necessary revisions, will be on display in the Hall after the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses next weekend (7 October 2018) and there will be an opportunity to ask questions about the proposal and to comment on the plans.

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JUMBLE SALE to help clear left over stock from the Michaelmas Fair will be on 13<sup>th</sup> October 10-11.30am. As

previously we will have bags priced £2 or £5 for people to fill and take away as much as possible. What we need is ① Your unwanted clothing and ②Your help sorting the afternoon before and help on the day taking money for bags and tidying up. Please speak to Trish or Pam Brannigan to offer.

Newsletter compiler, editor and printer required. One of our treasured newsletter team who compile and print the newsletter each week is leaving the role after 7 years of service. We need someone who can compile and edit on a Thursday/Friday at home (or in the parish whichever is easiest) and then print it in the parish so it is ready by Saturday 10am Mass. Everyone takes a turn once a month so it is not too much of a commitment but fulfils an important role in parish communications. If you would like to give it a try please speak to Trish asap

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*livesimply* **Tip of the month for October:**

Living **sustainably**: Support a project that plants trees to help the environment. <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/> or <http://www.nationalforest.org/sponsor/plantatree/> or <https://treesforlife.org.uk/plant-trees/> or plant one in your own garden see Woodland Trust <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/>.

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Church Cleaners needed on a Monday. We urgently need two church cleaners for a Monday morning (time to be agreed) once a month to replace people who have left. Dusting, mopping and vacuuming to keep our church beautiful for our community worship. If you can help please speak to Trish asap



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**Dates for Diary**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

2.30pm Mass at Gosmore. All are welcome.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

8pm UCM Meeting in the Parish Hall. Preparing for the Michaelmas Fair and general update.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

11am Mass at Elmside. All are welcome.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

10am St Pio Mass followed by a meeting in the LCR. All are welcome.

**AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 97**

*Our Daily Love - Love is not jealous* In family life, the logic of domination and competition about who is the most intelligent or powerful, destroys love. "Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility towards one another, for God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (1 Pet 5:5).





## Michaelmas Fair Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am-2.30pm

*Below is the updated list of auction promises so far. Final list will be in programme. If you wish to make a bid on one of these items in advance of the Michaelmas fair please email [pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com](mailto:pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com) with the Lot no. and your bid.*

### **Auction Time 11.30am**

**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.

**LOT 2: Home baked Christmas cake** from Joan Tebbutt. This delicious cake will help you get in the Christmas spirit.

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

### **Auction Time 12.30pm**

**LOT 9: Home baked Christmas cake** from Joan Tebbutt. This delicious cake will help you get in the Christmas spirit.

**LOT 10: 3 Beautifully handcrafted wooden bird tables**

**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 13a: Small embroidery Flower** – Ann Milner will embroider a design which will be between A6 and A5 size, (guide picture and actual dimensions to be supplied later). As she embroiders it, she will be praying for your intentions. You don't need to tell her your intentions, the Lord will know them! A great gift for that hard to buy for friend.

**LOT 13b: Small embroidery Bird** – Ann Milner will embroider a design which will be between A6 and A5 size, (guide picture and actual dimensions to be supplied later). As she embroiders it, she will be praying for your intentions. You don't need to tell her 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 16 Two course lunch for Two** at Hitchin's most recent restaurant opening **Kite at The Red Hart** to be used by 1st December 2018

### **Auction Time 1.30pm**

**LOT 17: Home baked Christmas cake** from Joan Tebbutt. This delicious cake will help you get in the Christmas spirit.

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

**LOT 19 Lunch for two at Los Reyes** offering delicious Spanish tapas and Mediterranean cuisine in Bucklersbury, Hitchin. Voucher offers two diners the chance to enjoy a lunch time special Plato Combinado with a bottle of house wine. Lunch can be booked any day from Tuesday to Friday.

**LOT 20 Vintage Kay Classical Guitar KC – 333** Vintage guitar from East Germany. Dates back to the 1970's Has a few little knocks but in lovely condition.

**LOT 21 Besson Trombone** Have time to explore a new hobby? Used Besson branded trombone in excellent condition in a beautiful Boosey and Hawkes 'Bandhite' fitted carry case.

**LOT 22 IPAD** Brand new in its packaging

**LOT 23 Knitted Noah's ark** for the new child in your family a beautiful ark with ten animals and two doves all lovingly knitted by parishioner Sarah.