



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 1808

13th October – 20th October 2018 – 28th 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 14th | Coffee Morning – KISS |
| Monday 15th Scout Hut Beavers 6pm Cubs 7.15pm | Christian Meditation Group EC – 11.45am Parents & Toddlers - Hall 9.30am |
| Tuesday 16th Scout Hut Scouts 7pm | Morning Prayer - Church - 9.30am Bethany Club - Hall - 10.30am-3pm Eucharistic Service – 7.15pm FHC The Baptised Life Hall 7.30pm UCM – Trip Out |
| Wednesday 17th | Rosary - Church - 9.30am Bethany Meeting – Hall 10am RCIA – EC – 7.30pm |
| Thursday 18th Scout Hut Brownies 6.30pm | Italian Club – Hall – 1pm Christian Meditation Group EC 6.30pm Choir Practice – Church 8pm |
| Friday 19th | Parents & Toddlers - Hall 9.15am Lectio Divina – EC – 2pm Claim Film 7pm ? |
| Saturday 20th | Poppy-Making LCR 2.30pm |
| Sunday 21st | Coffee Morning – One World Group |



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.

Readings: Wis 7:7-11, Heb 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Psalm: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice

Intercession: Fill us with your love!

Response: Hear us as we pray!

Next week: Is 53:10-11, Heb 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 7 Monday Team: 2

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Many thanks to all who supported the coffee morning last Sunday in aid of SPUC. A total of £130 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

Ramblings for Reflection:

Wisdom. What we wouldn't give to be wise. The value of every material possession is purely arbitrary. Of two identical houses, one in London will cost more than twice that of the one in the North. Jewels, gold, precious metals all depend on the market. Wisdom, however, is priceless. Although our experiences in life help develop our earthly wisdom (providing we reflect), the wisdom God bestows is beyond imagination for it colours the way we see everything. God's wisdom enables us to see the beauty, goodness and positive elements that lie beneath the surface appearance and actions of every individual. This wisdom sees everything in its true value, creativeness and wonder, thus guiding every word, action and thought. "The wisdom the Holy Spirit grants enables us to see things through God's eyes. To see the world, situations, problems, everything, with the eyes of God. This derives from intimacy with God, from the relationship of a son/daughter with his/her Father. When we are in communion with the Lord, the Holy Spirit transforms our hearts.... The hearts of the wise taste the flavour of God. We can either listen or not to the Holy Spirit in our heart. When we listen, the Holy Spirit teaches us the way of wisdom, and gives us the wisdom to see through God's eyes, to hear with God's ears, to love with the heart of God, to judge with God's judgment. This is the wisdom the Holy Spirit gives us and is offered to all." Pope Francis. And, it is **FREE!**

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Michaelmas Fair – Great news – we have raised at least £6000 for parish projects and Diapalante Education centre in Senegal. See the notice in the porch for breakdown

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Exam Invigilators required for The John Henry Newman Catholic School In Stevenage (£7.83 per hour). See Advert on Parish website under Job Vacancy

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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 .

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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.

Date for Diary

Tuesday 16 October

2.30pm Mass at Milford Lodge. All are welcome.

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7.30pm First Holy Communion – The Baptised Life. Meeting in the Hall for Parents only.

Saturday 27 October

9.45am Laudato Si Retreat to reflect on Care for Our Common home. Starting with Registration at 9:45 followed by Mass at 10am and Adoration, the retreat consists of meditation & reflection material to enable us to Hear Creation's Song, Hear her Cry and Discern Actions in response to Pope Francis' call 'to acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face.' (LS 15) and consequently 'awareness of the gravity of today's cultural and ecological crisis [will] be translated into new habits' (LS 209). We will have a shared lunch and the retreat will finish at 4pm. Email oliasah-peace@yahoo.co.uk for more details and to book a place.

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Recycling good news alert: The Cracker and Biscuit Wrapper Recycling Programme has



become **The pladis Biscuits and Snacks Recycling Programme**

and this means we are able to collect even more waste in this programme and increase our positive impact on the planet. From now onwards we can collect and send for recycling: - all brands of sweet or non-savoury biscuit wrappers - all brands of cracker wrappers - all brands of cake wrappers (Jaffa cake bars, and the like). Please note that Terracycle accept only flexible plastic packaging and not cardboard packaging, as these can be recycled through local council bins.

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Future Dates

Next Sunday (21st October) is World Mission Sunday. The Holy Father invites all catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio – his official charity for overseas mission.

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Our Daily Love - Love is not rude Courtesy

"is a school of sensitivity and disinterestedness' which requires a person 'to develop his or her mind and feelings, learning how to listen, to speak, and, at certain times, to keep quiet'" (Octavio Paz, La llama doble, 1993)



