



# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS  
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



**Mass Times**  
Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 5pm  
Monday – Saturday 10am  
Exposition Thursday 7pm-8pm  
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am  
during Exposition

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10<sup>th</sup> November – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

**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.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Psalm: **My soul, give praise to the Lord, Alleluia!**

Intercession: Lord in your mercy

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

**Next week: Dan 12:1-13, Heb 10:11-14.18, Mk 13:24-32**

**Ramblings for Reflection: Awareness** is always important and today we see how Jesus was aware of what was going on. His focus was not on himself but on the people around him, in particular, the widow. To emphasise his point, he contrasts her, someone who happened to be very poor, with the self-proclaimed, rather pompous, wealthy Scribes who happened to be rich. However, the story is not about wealth or position but about **generosity of spirit**. Jesus could identify with the total self-giving of the widow since he was on the same path – an appropriate theme on this **Remembrance Sunday**. After the Second World War, walking down the streets of East London, one of its poorest areas, you would find people's front doors always open. You could pop in to any house and ask for a cup of sugar or flour when you ran short (and receive a cup of tea!); a favour to be returned once you had restocked. In those days, children could sleep up to 7 in a room and not feel hard done by. Life was extremely hard. But, there was an inner joy, a happiness and an energy that made it a great place to be because everyone cared for everyone! One East Ender said that during the war, on the way home to lunch from the pub, they would invite any passing stranger or visitor to join them, without telling mum!! In this kind of generosity, 'I' am not the centre of the world, **God is!** And where do we find God? . . . in the stranger, the visitor, and the neighbour who wants a cup of sugar.

message of peace. It mainly concerns CO's of WW1 and there is a Pax Christi banner showing photos of some CO's. It also includes information about Catholic CO's as well as a reference to a Letchworth CO. You are encouraged to visit the display and learn about this side of the war story.

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### **Second collection – Sick & Retired Priests**

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. This ensures our elderly and sick priests are financially supported in their senior years, after a lifetime of service. Our priests baptised us, counselled us in times of sorrow, and celebrated with us in times of joy. Since we have received so much from their generosity, it is now our turn to assist them in their old age. The fund ensures that their housing, medical, convalescence, companionship and spiritual support needs are met. Please be generous. Most priests retire with modest means. In later years their ability to live independently can be adversely impacted by their declining health, mobility or frailty. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

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**Polite Reminder from the Police** - Please be advised that Hertfordshire Constabulary have raised safety and security concerns regarding parking in College Road, in the Police Station and on grass verges and in particular parking at the side of the Police Station.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK ANYWHERE IN THE POLICE STATION OR ON GRASS VERGES.** If the Church car park is full, it is requested that public car parks are used.

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**Livesimply team** Display of Information about Conscientious Objectors, Lower Committee Room. There is a display in the Lower Committee room giving information about Conscientious Objectors (CO's). These were people who felt that violence was not the answer and wished to follow Jesus'

There will be a second collection next weekend (17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>) in aid of CAFOD

REMINDER that the **baptism course** is beginning on Sunday 18 November at 3pm and continues on Sunday 25th at 3:30pm. It's not too late to sign up: the list is on the board just outside the door of the hall. Parents and expectant parents welcome

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**Attention all aspiring Altar Servers!!** Altar servers (of any age) are an important part of our Sunday Masses. The priest needs the support of servers to ensure the Mass runs smoothly. **Altar Server**

**Training** for anyone who has made their first Holy Communion will take place in the church on **November 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>** from **11.30am-12.30pm**. All three sessions should be attended. If you wish to attend please complete an altar server application form from the church porch and return it in an envelope marked for the attention of Richard Bradford.

### Diary Dates

#### Sun 11 Nov

Coffee Morning – UCM

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**6.15pm In memoriam service** for those who have died in the parish. All are welcome to light a candle for their loved one.

#### Mon 12 Nov

Parents & Toddlers	9.30am Hall	Beavers Scout Hall	6pm
Christian Meditation Grp	11.45am EC	Cubs Scout Hall	7.15pm

#### 7pm Live Simply AGM LCR

#### Tues 13 Nov

Morning Prayer Church	9.30am	Scouts Scout Hall	7pm
Bethany Club Hall	10.30am -3pm	Eucharistic Service	7.15pm

#### Wed 14 Nov

Rosary Church	9.30am	RCIA EC	7.30pm
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**10.35am Praise Group LCR** 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 welcome

#### Thurs 15 Nov

Italian Club Hall	1pm	Brownies Scout Hall	6.30pm
Christian Meditation Group	6.30pm EC	Choir Practice Church	8pm

#### Fri 16 Nov

Parents & Toddlers	9.30am Hall	Lectio Divina EC	2pm
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#### Sat 17 Nov

### 9am Marriage Prep Course Hall

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### 1pm Suicide Prevention Course LCR and UCR

#### Sun 18 Nov

Coffee Morning – One World Group

### 3pm Baptism Course Session One Hall

### Future Dates

On **Saturday 17 November**, the Vigil of the Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, 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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### World Day of the Poor – Sunday 18 November

Pope Francis has asked the entire Catholic community to mark World Day of the Poor on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November. The theme for this year is 'this poor man cried, and the Lord heard him'. This year Caritas Westminster is asking that you not only remember those in poverty in your prayers and but reach out in practical ways. More information, as well as a specially designed prayer card can be found in your parish

If you have a need for prayer, please contact **Mary** on **07759195487** and let her know your prayer intentions

#### 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

### AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 102

*Our Daily Love - Love is not rude* A kind look helps us to see beyond our own limitations, to be patient and to cooperate with others, despite our differences.



**Contacts** for email details see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/contact/>

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This week's counting teams:  
**Sunday Team: 4 Monday Team: 2**



If you are going into hospital please notify the Chaplain on Tel: **01438 285519** or Email: [spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net](mailto:spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net)