



# 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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24<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**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** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Psalm: The Lord is King with majesty enrobed

Intercession: Lord, show us your love

Response **Make us your holy people!**

Next week: **Dan 7:13-14, Apoc 1:5-8, John 18:33-37**

**Ramblings for Reflection:** What makes a Leader great and loved? Among the leading attributes would be care for his people, mercy, compassion and courage. Someone who valued others no matter who, treated each person as special. Who was upright, honest, clear and transparent in decision making, willing to go the extra mile, ready to get stuck-in if required. Who was just and fair, unbiased, wise, patient and tolerant, gentle and kind, trusting of others and trustworthy. Someone we would be proud and honoured to serve, inspiring the best in us, motivating and energising us to do the right thing. If Rudyard Kipling will forgive my adaptation?

Thank you all for your generous donations to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund recently. A total of £268.35 was raised. Also, thank you for your continued generosity to CAFOD last weekend.

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We pray for Agnes Mason whose funeral is on **Wednesday 28 November at 11.30am** here at Our Lady's Church and afterwards at Hitchin Cemetery.

We also pray for Liberale Cadona whose funeral is on **Friday 30 November at 11.30am** here at Our Lady's Church and afterwards at Wilbury Hills Cemetery. May they rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort their families.

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**The CONFIRMATION Programme for 2019 will begin in January.** If you are in Year 9 or above and wish to prepare for this sacrament, **please sign up on the sheet** on the noticeboard in the Link (down the steps toward the hall), where you will also find an **application form**, which needs to be filled in and submitted by 30th December 2018. Application forms are also available on the website and may be submitted by emailing me on [susannahawksley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:susannahawksley@rcdow.org.uk). You can find the dates of the sessions on the website under Sacramental Preparation/Confirmation and a sheet of dates is also on the noticeboard.

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**Saturday 8th December 7.30pm - The Orpheus Choir Christmas Concert** in our Church. Get in the musical mood for Christmas.



**Tickets £5** after Mass or from Parish office 01462 459126.

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**Christmas Roller Disco** at John Henry Newman School. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 3-7.30pm. Tickets £6. Details on the poster in the Church Porch.

*Who could keep his head when all about him  
were losing theirs and blaming it on him,  
Who trusted God his Father when all doubted  
him,  
and made allowance for their doubting;  
Always ready to wait and never tired of waiting,  
to be lied about, but not deal in lies,  
to be hated but never gave way to hating.  
Who could meet with Triumph and Disaster  
and treat those two impostors the same.  
Who heard the truth he'd spoken  
twisted by knaves into a trap.  
Who could watch things he gave his life to,  
broken,  
and stoop to build 'em up with worn-out tools:  
who could talk with crowds and keep his virtue,  
walk with kings and not lose the common touch.  
Neither foe nor loving friend could hurt him,  
everyone is of value to him - none worth more  
than another.  
His is the Earth and everything in it,  
for He is Messiah, Christ Our King!  
This is the leader we love, whom we gladly call  
our Saviour, our Christ, our King!*

## Diary Dates

### Sun 25 Nov

Coffee Morning – Our Lady's Special Support Grp  
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**3.30pm Baptism Course Session 2 Hall**  
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**5.50pm** Advent service practice Church

### Mon 26 Nov

Parents & Toddlers	9.30am Hall	Beavers Scout Hall	6pm
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Christian Meditation Grp	11.45am EC	Cubs Scout Hall	7.15pm
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**11am Mass at Stagenhoe.** Trish is unable to give a lift

### Tues 27 Nov

Morning Prayer Church	9.30am	Scouts Scout Hall	7pm
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Bethany Club Hall	10.30am -3pm	Eucharistic Service	7.15pm
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### Wed 28 Nov

Rosary Church	9.30am	RCIA EC	7.30pm
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**11.30am** Funeral of Agnes Mason

### Thurs 29 Nov

Italian Club Hall	1pm	Brownies Scout Hall	6.30pm
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Christian Meditation Group	6.30pm EC	Choir Practice Church	8pm
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### Fri 30 Nov

Parents & Toddlers	9.30am Hall	Lectio Divina EC	2pm
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**11.30am** Funeral of Liberale Cadona

### Sun 2 Dec

Coffee Morning – Bethany Club  
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**2.30pm in Church.** We are holding our next Service of Healing and Wholeness. Parishioners who feel the need for these gifts are invited to share in this time of prayer, during which the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing will be celebrated.

### Sun 2 Dec



**6.15pm Advent Service in The Church.** Our chance to think about the preparations we need to make for the coming of Our Lord as we reflect on parishioners' thoughts on preparing for the coming of a baby. An interactive service with readings, music and prayer for all the family

## Future Dates

**Saturday 8th December 2018 Morning of Reflection** for Eucharistic ministers and those considering taking up the Ministry. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You are invited to join a prayerful and quiet time to reflect on the wonder of the Ministry that we share. The morning will begin with the Parish Mass at 10am and finish at 1pm with a shared packed lunch.

## Other items of interest

For details of Advent reflections Please see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/sacramental-prep/adult-formation/>

With effect from **Wed 5 Dec**, a volunteer group – CC Street Food – will be providing meals for the homeless from the Scout Hut. This will operate between 4pm and 10pm until the end of February 2019 initially. The group of volunteers will need access to the three parking bays next to the Scout Hut towards Grove Road. Please leave these free on a Wed even. Thank you for your help and understanding.

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**Thanks from Elizabeth and Clara** for your generosity for the shoeboxes. With the help of so many wonderful parishioners, they were able to put together 265 boxes. See website for details.

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

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*Our Daily Love - Love is not rude* Antisocial persons



think others exist for the satisfaction of their own needs. Consequently, there is no room for the gentleness of love and its expression. Those who love are capable of speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement.

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

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This week's counting teams:

**Sunday Team: 6 Monday Team: 4**



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)