

# **CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST ANDREW, HITCHIN**

## **The Mass of the Resurrection for**



**Fr Michael Francis Lambert AA**

who, with God's help, fulfilled his baptismal vows in the service of God and his people as an Assumptionist religious in the priesthood for 52 years.

***Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm***

Reception into church

Parish Mass of the Sunday

***Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 11am***

Funeral Mass

**By Bishop Paul McAleenan  
and priests of the Order, Deanery  
and clerical friends**

Reception in parish hall

***1pm*** Burial service at  
St John's Cemetery

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**Gathering: 253** *Jesus remember me*

**Introduction** (*Chair of Pastoral Parish Council*)

**Entrance procession**

**Welcome from Fr Tom and Bishop Paul**

**Penitential hymn: 934** *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 25:6–10

Read by Alan Langton, *Fr Michael's friend and fellow 'Pirate'*

**Psalms 23: 806** *The Lord's my Shepherd*

**Second Reading:** Romans 6:3-10

Read by Aine and Oisín Chatfield, *Young ministers of the Word, a ministry greatly encouraged by Fr Michael*

**Gospel Acclamation: 710** *Celtic Alleluia with verse 4*

**Gospel** John 14: 1 – 6

Proclaimed by Fr Frank Leonard, *Fr Michael's friend and confessor*

**Homily** Father Tom O'Brien AA

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Bidding:** Lord, in your loving-kindness

**Response:** Hear our prayer

Read by      Jane Mainwaring (*Churches Together in Hitchin*)  
                  Jo Burgess    (*Friend and 'Pirate'*)  
                  Frank Benucci (*Parish ministries*)  
                  Ian McBain (*Schools & governors*)  
                  Jeannie Sherriffs (*Bethany Club*)  
                  Ann Cook (*UCM*)  
                  Brenda Pond (*Bereavement and visiting groups*)  
                  Greg Hewitson (*Music and liturgy*)

**Hail Mary: 367** *Salve, Regina*

**Presentation of the Gifts**

brought up by    Anita Holme (*Friend and Chaplaincy Lister Hospital*)  
                      Bridie Duffy (*Parish ministries*)  
                      Maureen Hibbs (*Friend and mentor*)  
                      Phyl Creswell (*Bethany Club*)  
                      Sarah Miller (*UCM*)

**Offertory hymn: 609** *In bread we bring you Lord*

**Holy Holy:** *Hitchin Mass* (Phil Shakeshaft)

**Eucharistic Prayer 3**

**Memorial Acclamation:** (Greg Hewitson)

*Save us, save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*

**Great Amen:** *Hitchin Mass* (Phil Shakeshaft)

**Our Father**

**Sign of Peace**

**Lamb of God:** *Hitchin Mass* (Phil Shakeshaft)

**Communion hymns:** *Jesus remember me* (organ only)

**111** *My soul in stillness waits*

*Be still my soul* (choir)

**Words of Appreciation**

Bishop Paul (*Diocese*)

Children from Our Lady School

John Richardson (*Churches Together in Hitchin*)

Susanna Hawksley (*on behalf of the parish*)

Fr Andrew O'Dell (*on behalf of the Order*)

**Thanksgiving hymn: 945** *Now thank we all our God*

**Final Commendation**

**Recessional hymn: 287** *Thine be the glory*

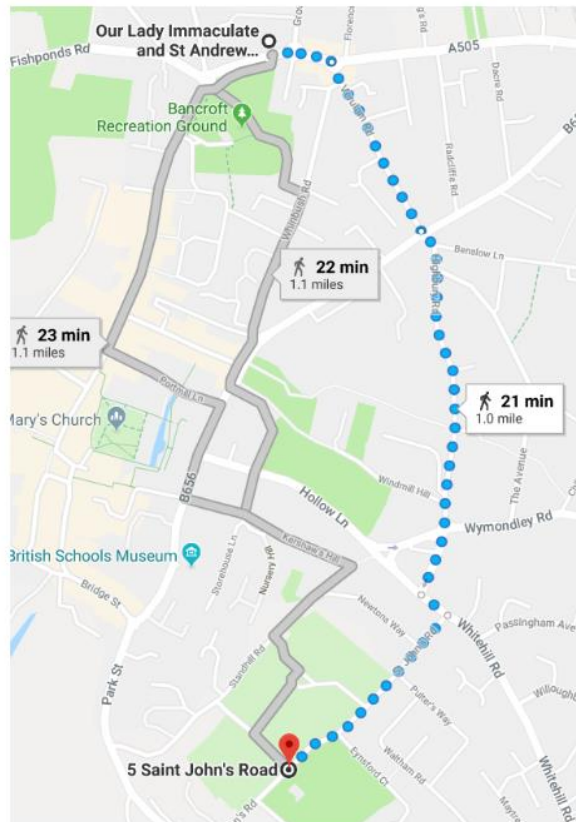
## A message from Fr Michael Francis Lambert aa



*"Thank you, one and all, so much for coming to share in this Mass of Resurrection for me, praying that I may rest in peace and rise in glory. Do please keep this order of service, to remember me in your prayers in the time to come. Please accept my gratitude and love, as a sign of my appreciation and gratitude for all that you have done with and for me, over the years I have served you in this parish. I am very grateful to all who will have taken an active part in this celebratory Mass, no matter how small that service was – it is for the glory of God and the good of our parish! May the Lord hold you all ever close to Him in the beauty of your daily lives! As St Thomas More said, "Merrily 'til we meet again in heaven!" Michael aa"*

# The Hitchin Parish warmly invites you to a reception in the church hall after Mass

**Fr Michael will be buried at St John's Cemetery at 1pm**  
**All are welcome to attend and return to the reception**

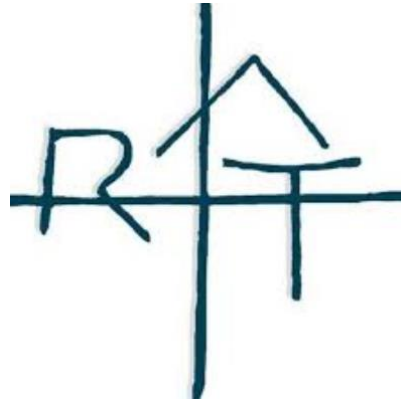


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## Walking/driving directions:

- Left out of the church car park and left into Ickleford Rd
- Left at mini-roundabout into Nightingale Rd and past church
- Right at the 2<sup>nd</sup> mini-roundabout onto Verulam Rd
- Continue straight ahead at the next roundabout up Highbury Rd
- At the end of Highbury Road, turn left onto Whitehill Rd
- Take the next right into St John's Rd
- The entrance to the cemetery is off of Cemetery Rd, which is on the right opposite the community centre

*Please note parking is very limited in the cemetery but you may find space in surrounding streets.*



The Assumptionist family is most grateful for all your love, prayer and sympathy on the loss of our brother, Michael. We will hold you in our prayers and remember you in our Masses.

**Any donations will go to build up the Mission of the Assumptionist Parish of Hitchin**

Fr Michael was an organ donor and his final service to the Lord was giving of himself to give a better life to others.

If you want to register as an organ donor please go to

<https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/register-to-donate/>

Thy Kingdom Come!