



# 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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## 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - Year C

**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. Amen

**Readings:** Acts:10:34-37-43, Col3:1-4, John 20:1-9

**Entrance Antiphon:** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**Psalm:** This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad

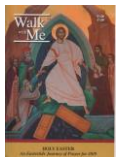
**Intercession:** We pray to the Lord

**Response:** Lord, Hear Us!

**Next week:** Readings Acts 5:12-16, Apoc 1:9-13.17-19, Jn 20:19-31

**Ramblings for Reflection** Notre Dame de Paris began life in 1163. In that cathedral, completed in 1345, England's Henry VI was crowned king of France in 1431, Napoleon Bonaparte crowned emperor in 1804 and Joan of Arc was beatified. World leaders attended memorial services for French presidents Charles de Gaulle and François Mitterrand there. It was damaged during the French Revolution in the 1790s by mobs. The cathedral survived two world wars largely unscathed ringing its bell to mark the end of Nazi occupation. It is a national emblem of France, a symbol of the nation's resilience through war and oppression both internally and externally. In 5 hours it was destroyed by fire and will take at least 5 years to be restored. Rather than a building, Jesus Christ built a family full of memorable saints too numerous to count. Jesus' life was destroyed by hatred and envy in several hours but his renovation, his resurrection, took just three days. A renovation that was far better than the original because the scars he bore spoke of infinite love and mercy. He not only renovated himself but all us of us with him. His resurrection is the epitome of self-giving. "Easter is finding leaven in a dough that was dead. It is despair moving over to make room for hope. It is joy suddenly crowding out your sorrow. It is a tomb transformed into a womb - life pushing its way out of death. It is the stone being rolled away on the morning of a great sorrow. The angel of life at the tomb of death!" Macrina Wiederkehr OSB

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Copies of **Walk with me** – an Eastertide journey of prayer for 2019 are available in the porch £1 each. Money in the pamphlets box in between the church doors inside the church.



**We need a helper in our Youth Ministry team:** to help us plan Funday Sundays and be on hand at the events and if your children are older we are planning to do some events for teenagers too. The more help we get, the more we can do. This is about supporting our families to have fun connecting to faith.

### Diary Dates

<b>Sun 21 April</b>			
<b>Easter Sunday</b>			
<b>Coffee Morning – One World Group</b>			
<b>Mon 22 April</b>			
<b>9am Easter Monday Mass (no 10am Mass)</b>			
<b>Tues 23 April</b>			
Morning Prayer	Church 9.30am	Eucharistic service	Church 7.15pm
<b>Wed 24 April</b>			
Rosary Church	9.30am		
<b>10am Bethany Club Meeting Hall</b>			
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<b>4.30pm RE Session LCR</b>			
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<b>6.30pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hut</b>			
<b>Thurs 25 April</b>			
Italian Club Hall	1pm	Brownies Scout Hall	6.30pm
		Choir Practice	Church 8pm
<b>Fri 26 April</b>			
Parents & Toddlers Hall	9.30am		
<b>Sun 28 April</b>			
<b>Coffee Morning – St Elizabeth's</b>			
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<b>6pm Confirmation Session 11 Hall</b>			

## Other items of interest



**Hitchin Food Rescue Hub** is a new food boutique, where unsold food destined for destruction can be rescued and instead, diverted from the bin by being offered to the community. The uncooked food recovered from retail operators and local food businesses, is available on a donation basis to all members of the community. It opens on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 10am-1pm** in **Church House** just across from St Mary's Church. Do drop in for a coffee and save food from going into the bin! <http://www.hitchinfoodrescuehub.uk/>

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### Volunteering Opportunity - Caritas Reps:

Are you interested in social outreach? Caritas Westminster, the Diocesan social action agency, is looking for Caritas Representatives to help record local poverty and social exclusion projects across different areas of the Diocese. They would also work closely with the Caritas development workers to help respond to those in need in the local area. If you are interested, please contact Caritas Westminster at [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk) to register your interest.

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### Who cares? Responding to the cry of the Earth – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May:

Caritas Westminster invites you to an evening of practical suggestions for how your parish can respond to the environmental crisis. There will be contributions from local and national organisations including CAFOD, CaFE, the Felix Project and more. The event will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, from 6:30pm-8:30pm, with refreshments from 6pm, at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN. To get your free ticket, email [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk), call 020 7931 6077, or search the event title on Eventbrite.

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### Caritas Volunteer Fair – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June

The Caritas Volunteer Service will be holding its annual Volunteers' Fair showcasing volunteering opportunities from across the Diocese. Those attending will have the chance to chat with different charities and find out more about their work and the roles available and hear talks and testimonials from different organisations. The event will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, from 1:00-3:00pm, at St Aloysius' Parish Hall, Phoenix Road, Euston, NW1 1TA. To get your free ticket, email [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk), call 020 7931 6077, or search the event title on Eventbrite

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This year's Migrants Mass takes place as usual on the first bank holiday in May. Following the diocesan rotation, this year it is in Westminster Cathedral - the fourteenth celebration of this dynamic liturgy! Come and celebrate the contribution so many different national groups have made and are making to London and the South East. Gathering at 9am, procession at 10am and Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Campbell at 10.30am

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### Physics and Mathematics Undergraduate Summer Internship Program 2019

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School will be running a four-week Physics and Mathematics Internship Programme over the summer term 2019. Offering undergraduate university students the opportunity to be placed in a number of schools in West, East and North London. Participants will receive a £300 per week bursary for the 4-week programme, a total of £1200. For further information and an application form please go to: [BIT.LY/CVMSINTERNSHIP2019](http://BIT.LY/CVMSINTERNSHIP2019).

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 125

*Our Daily Love - bears all things* In Paul's letter to the



Corinthians, his "list ends with four phrases containing the words 'all things'. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Here we see clearly the power of a love that is able to face whatever might threaten it."

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

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This week's counting teams:  
**Sunday Team: 2 Monday Team: 1**



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)