



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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18th May – 25th May 2019 – 5th Sunday of Easter - 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

Ramblings for Reflection Glory, Glory, Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest! What do we mean by this? The dictionary says Glory means: High renown or honour won by notable achievement; magnificence or great beauty; worthy of praise. It refers to the splendour and bliss of heaven; praise, worship, and thanksgiving offered to God. It is seen as a ring or halo around the head of Christ or a saint. It can be an exclamation of delight. Glory is of the essence of God so we can add nothing to it. It would be better to think of the presence of God as the glory of God shining through us or someone else or creation itself. We experience the Glory of God shining through Christ in his life, death and resurrection. When we pray for God's blessing we are praying that the Glory of God shine through or in those for whom we pray. And this week we are encouraged to see this glory in terms of Love. So our praise, worship and thanksgiving becomes both a recognition and a proclamation of God's glory and of God's love as something that we experience and acknowledge. Glory lies at the heart of wonder and awe that invoke reverence and respect – leading us to experience the radiance and power of God's glory. In this way we begin to see the parallels between Glory and Love. Since *God is love and those who live in love live in God*, no wonder our grateful hearts give praise and glory to God!

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Many thanks for your contributions towards the Priest Training Fund. A total of £112.53 was raised

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There will be a second collection next weekend (25/26 May) in aid of CAFOD.

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Readings Acts 14:21-27, Apoc 21:1-5, Jn 13:31-35

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Psalms: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King. Alleluia!

Intercession: Lord, Hear Us!

Response: Lord, Graciously Hear Us!

Next week: Acts 15:1-2.22-29, Apoc 21:10-14.22-23, Jn 14:23-29

Diary Dates

Sun 19 May			
Coffee Morning – One World Group			
Mon 20 May			
Parents & Toddlers Hall	09.30am	Beavers Scout Hall	6pm
Christian Meditation Grp	11.30am EC	Cubs Scout Hall	7.15pm
7pm Michaelmas Fair Planning Meeting LCR			
Tues 21 May			
Morning Prayer Church	9.30am	Scouts Scout Hall	7pm
Bethany Club	10.30am	NO Eucharistic service	
7.30pm Children's Liturgy Training Hall			
 <p>This could be helpful for any parent who wants to feel more confident about sharing faith with your children. You do not have to make the commitment to be part of the children's liturgy team. Please come along.</p>			
8pm Union of Catholic Mothers lower committee room. Please bring your items for the Mary's Meals backpacks which we will start assembling tonight.			
Wed 22 May			
Rosary Church	9.30am	RCIA EC	7.30pm
4.30pm RE Session LCR			
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6.30pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hut			
Thurs 23 May – European Elections in the Hall			
No Italian Club		Brownies Scout Hall	6.30pm
Christian Meditation Group	6.30pm EC	Choir Practice Church	8pm
All Day Polling Station Hall			
Fri 24 May			
Parents & Toddlers Hall	9.30am	Lectio Divina EC	2pm
Saturday 25th May - St Bede the Venerable			
Sun 26 May			
Coffee Morning – Live Simply Group			



We pray for Sheila Richards whose funeral is on Thursday 30 May 2019 at 1.30pm here at Our Lady's Church. May she rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort her family.

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Prayer for the 2019 European Elections:

Father, may I have your wisdom and courage to vote as you would wish me to vote. Move me to respect the rights of all European citizens, and the human rights of all. May my vote help to bring hope to the poor, unity to Europe, peace on our borders, and a commitment to stabilize the climate. Father, do not let me become discouraged, or misled by false promises. Inspire me to contribute to the re-building of the European Peace Project with vigour and generosity. Loving and merciful Father, I pray that in my voting, the world may be blessed. This I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Offertory Income for quarter ending March 2019. Figures in brackets are for the previous quarter.

Envelopes	£ 8299.79	(£ 8192.40)
Standing Orders	£15858.25	(£15641.25)
Loose Plate	£ 5319.17	(£ 5112.48)
TOTAL	£29477.21	(£28946.13)

Figures showing the results of the Offertory Appeal will be published as soon as they are available.

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Churches Together in Hitchin Council

The next meeting of the CTH Council is this coming Tuesday, 21st May, 8.00 pm at Holy Saviour Church, Radcliffe Road - tea/coffee from 7.30. There will be reports on our work together and a presentation from Charmaine Smith, the Youth Director of Generation Hope, the

organisation that does important drug and alcohol education work among young people. No need to be an official representative of a church to come along - all are welcome.

Other items of interest

Tuesday 21 May – 2.30pm Mass at Milford Lodge. All welcome.

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St Hugh of Lincoln, Letchworth are running a coach to Walsingham on 8th August leaving Letchworth at 8am and returning by 8.30pm. If any members of the parish would like to join them, please contact Aimee at Letchworth Parish for a New Dawn application form no later than 5 June. The charge for the coach is £18 per adult and £12 per child. The money needs to be paid when booking a place.

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Wednesday 29th May 6:30pm-8:30pm Who cares? Responding to the cry of the Earth –

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. Refreshments from 6pm, at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN. To get your free ticket, email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk, call 020 7931 6077

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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 129

Our Daily Love - bears all things Whereas the tongue can be used to 'curse those who are made in the likeness of God' (3:9), love cherishes the good name of others, even one's enemies. In seeking to uphold God's law we must never forget this specific requirement of love.



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This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 6 Monday Team: 1



If you are going into hospital please notify the Chaplain on Tel: **01438 285519** or

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