



# 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

## Newsletter No 1840

25<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 – 6th 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

**Readings:** Acts 15:1-2,22-29, Apoc 21:10-14,22-23, Jn 14:23-29

**Entrance Antiphon:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**Psalm:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Alleluia!

**Intercession:** Lord, in your Mercy

**Response:** Hear our Prayer!

**Next week:** Acts 7:55-60, Apoc 22:12-14,16,17,20, John 17:20-26

**Ramblings for Reflection** *If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.* Just think for a moment, the Father and Jesus are perfectly at home in you! Jesus, the Word embodied, is not only the spoken word but also the healing word, the Word who lived caring for the sick and marginalised. Having the word of Jesus at home in us means letting that word shape our lives and actions so that the presence of God shines through. Words can uplift but also hurt, bring joy but also sorrow. There are words of goodness and words of hate; consoling, comforting, and cheerful words; words of admiration and of praise, of honour and reverence; words of delight, words of kindness and gentle words. The foresight and deeply caring nature of Christ is such that he sent us the Spirit to guide and empower our use of all those positive words at the right time and in the right place in order to build, create, and infuse light and love into the hearers. *Every day may not be a good day but there is good in every day.* (Anon) *If the words you spoke appeared on your skin, would you still be beautiful?* (Anon) *I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish God didn't trust me so much.* (Mother Teresa) *Live in such a way that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.* (Will Rogers)

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**Please look at the notices in the porch** on the blue board to sign up for the **Reconciliation course**.

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There will be a second collection this weekend in aid of CAFOD.

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We pray for Irene Harding whose funeral takes place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am (please note the earlier time for the morning mass) and Richard Rataj

Thursday 6 June 2019 here at Our Lady's Church at 2pm. May they rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort their families.

The funeral of Sheila Richards is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm and June Welbury is on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 12.30pm (June was a long serving member of staff at Our Lady's School).

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Saturday 1 June – There will be an event in the Hall that day between 11am and 8pm. Please bear that in mind when coming to Mass that day as the car park may be busy.

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The gardening team are in desperate need of someone mow the lawns. This would involve mowing the lawn every 2 weeks (depending on the weather) from April to October(ish). It would take about 2 hours. Lawn mower and petrol are all provided, we just need someone to mow. If more than one person can help, it will reduce the frequency that your help would be needed. If you are able to help please email Helen Bailey at hbailey@talktalk.net or for more information ring Helen on 07771 552058.

## Diary Dates

<b>Sun 26 May</b>			
<b>Coffee Morning</b> – Live Simply Group			
<b>Mon 27 May</b> – St Augustine of Canterbury			
<b>Bank Holiday</b> – No Mass at Stagenhoe			
<b>Tues 28 May</b>			
Morning Prayer Church	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	Church 7.15
Bethany Club	10.30am	Choir Church	8pm

<b>Wed 29 May Memorial of St Paul VI, Pope</b>		
Rosary Church	9.30am	No RCIA EC
<b>10.30am Bereavement Team Meeting EC</b> ††††††††††		
<b>6.30pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hut</b>		
<b>Thurs 30 May The Ascension of the Lord</b>		
Christian Meditation Group	6.30pm EC	
Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm		
<b>Fri 31 May</b>		
Parents & Toddlers Hall	9.30am	Lectio Divina EC 2pm
<b>Sun 2 June</b>		
<b>Coffee Morning – OLSSG</b> ††††††††††		
	<b>Healing Service 2.30pm.</b> 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. ††††††††††	
<b>6pm for 6.30pm Reconciliation Course Hall</b>		

**Other items of interest**

**Job Club starts Wed 29th May 10am-12 noon-29th July** Any one looking for work, can just turn up at The Zeo Centre Bedford Rd, Hitchin. For more info contact: mobile 07931833838 or leigh.smith123@yahoo.co.uk  
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**Come Away Awhile....Retreat Day for Parish Lay Ministers of Holy Communion and of the Word** with Sister Karen Marguerite OP and Sister Anne Walsh OP. Saturday, 8th June 2019, Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, WD23 4EE. Saturday 15th

June 2019, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. 10am–3pm (refreshments from 9.30am). Suggested donation £15 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. Coffees/Teas are available. Register with livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voicemail 020 79316078.  
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**Caritas Volunteer Fair – Saturday 8th June**

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 8th June, from 1-3pm, at St Aloysius' Parish Hall, Phoenix Road, Euston, NW1 1TA. Free ticket, email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk, call 020 7931 6077, or search the event title on Eventbrite  
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**Thy Kingdom Come: 30th May – 9th June 2019** Be part of this global movement to 'light up the world' by pledging to pray at www.thykingdomcome.global. Join in our local services: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction in the Lady Chapel at St Albans Cathedral on Friday 31st May from 8 pm for one hour. Beacon Event at St Albans Cathedral on Sunday 9th June at 6.30. All are welcome.  
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Canadian spiritual leader and philosopher **Jean Vanier** died on May 7, 2019, in Paris, at age 90. He is best known as the founder of L'Arche, and Faith and Light, both communities where people with and without intellectual disabilities share their lives. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. See <https://sojo.net/articles/jean-vanier-remembering-icon-not-idol> for details about him.

**To donate to Our Lady's through text giving on your mobile phone !!**  
**Just text Parish HITCH to 70800 to donate £5.**

If you have a need for prayer, please contact <b>Mary</b> on <b>07759195487</b> and let her know your prayer intentions	<b>AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 130</b> <i>Our Daily Love - bears all things</i> Married couples joined by love speak well of each other; they try to show their spouse's good side, not their weakness and faults. In any event, they keep silent rather than speak ill of them. This springs from an interior attitude.
<b>Faith Development Helpline</b> If you (or someone you know) needs to chat about your faith or have been feeling lost ring <b>07398821315</b> Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm. Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself	

<b>Parish Priest</b> Fr Tom O'Brien 07547 171570	<b>Assistant Priest</b> Fr Euloge Kasine 07424 004647	<b>Parish 01462 459126</b> E-mail: <a href="mailto:hitchin@rcdow.org.uk">hitchin@rcdow.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/">https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/</a>
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 This week's counting teams: <b>Sunday Team: 1 Monday Team: 2</b>	 If you are going into hospital please notify the Chaplain on Tel: <b>01438 285519</b> or Email: <a href="mailto:spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net">spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net</a>
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