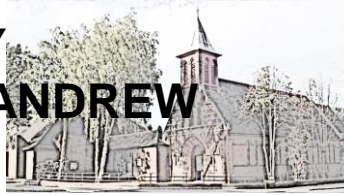


CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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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8th - 15th June 2019 – Pentecost - 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 2:1-11, Rom 8:8-17, John 14:15-16.23-26

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Psalm: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. Alleluia.

Intercession: Lord hear us

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Next week: Prov 8:22-31, Rom 5:1-5, John 16:12-15



Ramblings for Reflection Reflecting on the Spirit of God is a little like reflecting on a beautiful landscape or sunset, or, one of those moments when you feel truly grateful for being alive. To localise the Spirit we have the images of a dove, of the wind and fire, suggesting movement, life, energy, and power. We speak of the gifts and fruits of the Spirit and particularly today of wonder and awe. The longer the reflection, the greater the realisation that wherever we look, however we feel, we are aware of the presence of God's Spirit. Even in those difficult and dark times, we search for the presence of that Spirit, seemingly missing. We are like the little fish who swims around the ocean asking the question, "Where is the Ocean?" The Spirit of God is so present we are fully immersed in that presence. We breathe in the Spirit of God in the very air we breathe. St Augustine of Hippo spoke of the Spirit of God as "Ever ancient, ever new!" When coming to prayer and meditation we are often told to centre ourselves, to calm ourselves and begin by focusing on our breathing. Every breath we take carries within us the presence of God. As we realise that, we gradually become aware of the presence of the Spirit in anything and everything that we encounter and that passes through our minds, even in those times we are distracted. The Spirit is everywhere. And, far from feeling overcome with that all pervading presence, we feel FREE!!

Diary Dates

Sun 9 June

Coffee Morning – Live Simply

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6pm for 6.30pm Reconciliation Course Hall

Mon 10 June

Parents & Toddlers Hall	09.30am	Beavers Scout Hall	6pm
Christian Meditation Grp	11.30am EC	Cubs Scout Hall	7.15pm



7.30pm Children's Liturgy training continues in the LCR. Session 2
Everyone is welcome.

Tues 11 June St Barnabas

Morning Prayer Church	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	Church 7.15
Bethany Club	10.30am	Choir Church	8pm

Wed 12 June

Rosary Church	9.30am	RCIA EC	7.30pm
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10.35am Praise Group LCR – all are welcome.

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Wednesday 12 June - 10.40 am. Praise Group meet in the Lower Committee Room. All who love singing are welcome. We sing with enthusiasm with the help of a guitar, choosing the hymns from the last month's liturgy.

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4.30pm RE Session LCR

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6.30pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hut

Thurs 13 June

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest

Italian Club Hall	1pm	Brownies Scout Hall	6.30pm
Christian Meditation Group	6.30pm EC	Choir Practice	8pm church

Fri 14 June

Parents & Toddlers Hall	9.30am	Lectio Divina EC	2pm
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Sun 16 June

Coffee Morning – One World Group

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2pm First Holy communion Mass

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6pm for 6.30pm Reconciliation Course Hall

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The Traidcraft stall will be open next weekend



There is no Mass at Foxholes on Wednesday of this week.

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Next Sunday will be a Son-seekers Sunday Fun day at 10.30 Mass to

celebrate Father's day and Trinity Sunday. Please come early to register your children.

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Thanks to John Chamberlain for covering all the notice boards in the porch with new material. It looks wonderful and is much easier to use.

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Mon 10th June - Fri 14th June. All our priests are on a long-deserved retreat with their brethren from Bethnall Green. There will be no daily Mass that week. Instead there will be a Eucharistic service each morning at 10am led by Trish and one at 7.15pm on the Tuesday evening as usual. Please keep our priests in your prayers that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit during their time away from us.

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There will be a second collection next weekend (15/16 June) in aid of Day for Life

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On Saturday 22nd June, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. For details of our live saving work see www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

OUR LADY'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TEAM are holding a special Prayer Service for bereaved parishioners and friends on Friday June 28th 2019 at 7.30pm. There will be an opportunity to place names in a basket of remembrance which will be placed on the altar. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after the service.

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The first session of our Reconciliation course was attended by 31 people from at least 5 different churches. It was a wonderful session. Highly thought provoking and there was lively discussion and the measure of its success was by how long people lingered afterwards. Session 2 promises to offer more of the same, this Sunday at 6pm for 6.30pm start. Material from the session is now on the Adult Formation page on the parish website. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/sacramental-prep/adult-formation/>

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Next weekend - Sunday 16 June – First Holy Communion at 2pm Mass. Please pray for the 31 children receiving Our Lord for the first time.

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Other items of interest

Wednesday 12 June 4pm in Cambridge: Catholicity and Gender, with Mary McAleese in conversation with Austen Ivereigh. Free to attend. At Von Hugel Institute, St Edmund's College, Cambridge CB3 0BN.

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There are still tickets available for all dates of Wintershall Life of Christ 18-22 June 10am – 3.30pm. Trish would be delighted to see you on any of the days and if you arrive at Guildford by 9am she may be able to pick you up from the station. Let her know ASAP if you are coming.

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 Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions

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If you (or someone you know) needs to chat about your faith or have been feeling lost ring

07398821315

Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm.

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Our Daily Love - bears all things



Love coexists with imperfection. It 'bears all things' and can hold its peace before the limitations of the loved one.

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This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team: 2 Monday Team: 3



If you are going into hospital please notify the Chaplain on Tel: 01438 285519 or Email: spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net