



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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22nd-29th June 2019 – Corpus Christi - 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



Jesus said his body and blood is real food and real drink. This suggests that he offers us more than sustenance in the Eucharist.

Jesus offers us all those other essentials that we need for a full life. It is said that when a baby is born, if it has no human contact, no sense that it is loved and cared for, no matter how much it is fed, it will die. Like that baby we need more than food, we need to know we are loved and experience that love, that we are cared for and valued. We need to receive goodness and kindness and be trusted. Not only do we need to receive them but we also need to offer them in return. This is what Jesus means by real food. In the Eucharist, Jesus shows us that he values each of us beyond our imagining; that he loves us with a love that we will only come close to understanding in the afterlife. We are valued for our uniqueness and for what we have to contribute to the whole human family for its prosperity and wholeness. The Eucharist not only nurtures all this within us but it inspires, motivates and empowers us to want to share these gifts with others for the common good - for the greater good. Only in receiving and sharing in the Eucharist regularly will we progressively discover what Jesus means by offering us Real Food and Real Drink in his Body and Blood!

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There will be a second collection next weekend for Peter's Pence. Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

Readings: Gen 14:18-20, Cor 11:23-26, Luke 9:11-17

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Psalm: You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old

Intercession: We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord, Hear Us!

Next week: Acts 12:1-11, Tim 4:6-8, 17-18, Matt 16:13-19

For more information, visit: www.obolodisanpietro.va

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Thank you all for your kind donations for Day for Life last week. A total of £177.86 was raised.

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Do you have a child who needs to be baptised or are you expecting a child and want to plan ahead? You will need to attend a baptism course. The baptism course is formed of two sessions: Sunday 21st July from 3pm - 4:30pm and Sunday 28th July from 3:30 - 4:30pm, followed by the first anointing of baptism at the 5pm Mass. Please sign up on the sheet on the notice board just outside the hall door (down the steps in the porch) or email susannahawksley@rcdow.org.uk with your name and the name of your child (if known!).

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Diary Dates

Sun 23 June

Coffee Morning – Scouts Group

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6 for 6.30pm Reconciliation Course – Hall

Mon 24 June

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



We pray for Giuseppe Comparetto whose funeral takes place here at Our Lady's Church today at 10am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort his family.

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Mass at Stagenhoe at 11am. All welcome.

7.30pm Property Working Group Meeting LCR

Tues 25 June			
Morning Prayer Church	9.30am	Scouts Scout Hall	7pm
Bethany Club	10.30am	Eucharistic service	7.15pm
7.30pm Teaching Children How To Pray Hall			
Wed 26 June			
Rosary Church	9.30am	RCIA EC	7.30pm
6.30pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hut			
Thurs 27 June			
No Italian Club		Brownies Scout Hall	6.30pm
Christian Meditation Group	6.30pm EC	Choir Practice	Church 8pm
Fri 28 June			
Parents & Toddlers Hall	9.30am	Lectio Divina EC	2pm
6.15pm Bereavement Group Hall			
Sun 30 June			
Coffee Morning – Diapalante ††††††††††			
6 for 6.30pm Reconciliation Course - Hall			

Other items of interest

Pilgrimage to Jerusalem - talks by Ann Milner
On 29th June, 2010, Ann set out from Rome to walk to Jerusalem. She will be describing her pilgrimage with photos set to music at the Tilehouse Street Baptist Church. Part 1 of the talk is at 11:30, Friday 28th June. Part 2 follows at 11:30 on Friday 5th July. All welcome.

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A message from LGBT+ Catholics Westminster.

We take part in Pride London to witness that it is possible to integrate faith, gender and different

sexualities as faithful people of God, proudly Catholic and proudly LGBT+. If you want to walk with us in the Pride in London Parade which will take place on Saturday, 6 July, please register your interest at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r6W5FSCT>. You will need a wristband to march (this is a first come first served basis.)

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Eight places are available for Walsingham on Thursday 8 August. ("New Dawn") There is a coach that will be leaving from St Hugh of Lincoln Church, Pixmore Way, Letchworth at 8am that day, cost £18 per person. For more details, and to book your place please contact Peter Rock on 01462 617035

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Caritas in your community

On Saturday 13th July, Caritas will be holding a gathering at the Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph, Waltham Cross. The gathering is an opportunity for Hertfordshire-based parish groups and social action projects to learn about Caritas Westminster, network with other organisations and recruit volunteers. If you are an individual it is an opportunity to learn about projects local to you and find out about Caritas' work across the Diocese. We will also be running the Universal Credit Savvy course on the day. Please join us from 9am-12pm. Contact francesmoore@rcdow.org.uk for more information, Visit tinyurl.com/caritascommunity to book your place.

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

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

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Our Daily Love - bears all things Trust enables a relationship to be free. It means we do not have to control the other person, to follow every step lest they escape our grip. Love trusts, it sets free, it does not try to control, possess and dominate everything.



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This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team: 5 Monday Team: 2



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