



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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29th June – 6th July 2019 – Sts Peter and Paul Apostles – 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

We have great difficulty listening to stories because we want to analyse them, look for hidden information about the context and background and dream up all kinds of questions. A story is a story, is a story with its own wonder and a vehicle for treasures only discovered by entering into it and letting it transport you into a new vision. Our three stories concern Peter, Paul and Jesus missioning Peter. These two saints are all about mission and how they responded to their call with trust in Jesus and total commitment. Despite their failings, Jesus helped them through impossible situations so that they could fulfil their mission. Like Peter and Paul, we, too, are given a mission and asked to be part of the rock on which the Church is built. No one can fulfil our mission but us. We might not relate to Peter's escape from jail because we do not believe in angels, not having ever encountered a being with wings, and yet we are quite willing to talk about experiencing the presence of God. Anything that points us to God's presence is an angel - wings or not. There are angels all around us! Today's feast reassures us that, like Peter and Paul, we will fulfil our mission to bring good news to the world if we but place our hope, trust and love in the Lord. After all, Jesus places his hope, trust and love in us - in YOU and in me - just as he did in Peter and Paul.

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There will be a second collection this 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. For more info visit: www.obolodisanpietro.va

Readings Acts 12:1-11, Tim 4:6-8.17-18, Matt 16:13-19

Entrance Antiphon: These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

Psalm: From all my terrors the Lord set me free

Intercession: Lord Hear Us

Response: Lord, Graciously Hear Us!

Next week: Is 66:10-14, Gal 6:14-18, Luke 10:1-12.17-20



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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The new Eucharistic Ministers Rota is available from the parish office for those who do not receive it by email.

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We pray for Linda Austin whose funeral is on Friday 12 July 2019 at 2.30pm here at Our Lady's Church. May she rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort her family. We also pray for Tony Brennan, long standing parishioner, who died this week. Tony helped maintain the parish facilities for many years.

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Diary Dates

Sun 30 June			
Coffee Morning – Divalante ††††††††††			
6 for 6.30pm Reconciliation Course - Hall			
Mon 1 July Dedication of the Cathedral			
Parents & Toddlers Hall	09.30am	Beavers Scout Hall	6pm
Christian Meditation Grp	11.30am	Cubs Scout Hall	7.15pm
Mass at Gosmore at 2.30pm. All welcome. ††††††††††			
6.45pm Michaelmas Fair Meeting EC			

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7.30pm Pastoral Council Meeting LCR

Tues 2 July

Morning Prayer Church	9.30am	Scouts Scout Hall	7pm
Bethany Club	10.30am	Eucharistic service	7.15pm

Wed 3 July St Thomas

Rosary Church	9.30am	RCIA EC	7.30pm
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Mass at Elmside at 11am. All welcome.

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6.30pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hut

Thurs 4 July

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

St Pio Mass.

10.30am St Pio Group LCR

Fri 5 July

Parents & Toddlers Hall	9.30am	Lectio Divina EC	2pm
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Sun 7 July

Coffee Morning – KISS

Other items of interest

Saturday 6th July from 10:30am to 1:30pm - The next Social Justice and Peace Forum will take place at St Aloysius Church Hall, 20 Phoenix Road, London, NW1 1TA. Entitled 'Our Place: How do we achieve the global UN Sustainable Development Goals on our level? If you have any questions about the event, please email: justice@rcdow.org.uk . This is a free event, all are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham - **Thursday 8th August**. The coach for The New Dawn Conference in Walsingham is now fully booked. For those attending, the coach will now also pick up at **Our Lady Immaculate & St Andrews Church, in Hitchin at 8am** and then Letchworth at 8.15am. You will return by 8pm. Food is available to purchase on site, but it is advisable to bring drinks and a packed lunch. For further queries please contact Ros Pitman 01462 685585 or Brigitte Dean 01462 674063.

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Wintershall Education are looking for budding actors to take the story of Jesus into local schools as part of a free assembly program. This is a unique opportunity for parishioners to experience something extraordinary for their own faith and be part of sharing this with others whilst supporting schools in understanding more about Jesus. Training and costumes are provided. All you have to give is some time. What you get in return is incalculable. To find out more, come to our information morning on **9th July 11am-1pm** in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace behind Westminster Cathedral in London or speak to Trish who will be there. For enquiries contact Lucy at education@wintershall-education.com.

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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.

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 – love believes all things Love sets free. This freedom, which fosters independence, an openness to the world around us and to new experiences, enriches and expands relationships. The spouses then share with one another the joy of all they have received and learned outside the family circle.



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This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 6 Monday Team: 3



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