



# 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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6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 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** At the end of the Gospel, Jesus says, “Rejoice in **who** you are, not in **what** you have achieved!” ‘Who are you?’ You and I are loved by God with a love that gives meaning to all expressions of love. It is because we are loved by God that we are able to achieve great things: the care, support and help we give to others; setting people free from loneliness by our visits; joining with others in prayer and worship at the Eucharist in order to intensify God’s presence in the world; being reconciled with those with whom we have been estranged; makers of peace. Like the disciples of Jesus, we too, are capable of overcoming the power of Satan in the world. In acknowledging God’s love for us, we can say, with St Paul, that we have been crucified to the world, because the cross symbolises the deep, deep love of Jesus for us - not just his suffering. It is this love of Jesus that leads us to the realisation that the commandments to love God and Neighbour are not imposed from outside but are written into our DNA. They are fundamental to the way we live our lives. Without them, we would fail to find fulfilment, discover the true wonder and awesomeness of who we are or experience the true marvel and goodness of God. Acknowledging and living this love, our whole being, especially our hearts, joyfully cries out with praise of God just like those disciples on their return from their mission.

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We pray for Tony Brennan whose funeral is on **Fri 19 July at 11am** here at Our Lady’s Church. **There will be no 10am Mass that day.**

We also pray for Maria Urso whose funeral is on **Mon 22 July at 2.30pm** here at Our Lady’s

**Readings:** Is 66:10-14, Gal 6:14-18, Luke 10:1-12.17-20

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**Psalm:** From all my terrors the Lord set me free

**Intercession:** Lord in your Mercy

**Response:** Hear our Prayer!

**Next week:** Deut 30:10-14, Col 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37

Church. May they rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort their families.

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Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea - the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. It depends on voluntary donations, so please give generously. For more information about its work, visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

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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: Sun 21 July 3pm - 4:30pm and Sun 28 July 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](mailto:susannahawksley@rcdow.org.uk) with your name and the name of your child (if known!).

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## Diary Dates

Sun 7 July			
Coffee Morning – KISS			
Mon 8 July			
Parents & Toddlers Hall	09.30am	Beavers Scout Hall	6pm
Christian Meditation Grp	11.30am	Cubs Scout Hall	7.15pm
<b>5pm Young Readers Training Church</b>			
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<b>6.30pm OWG/Live Simply Meeting EC</b>			

**Tues 9 July**

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

**Wed 10 July**

Rosary Church	9.30am	RCIA EC	7.30pm
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**10.35am Praise Group** LCR - 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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**2.30pm** Mass at Foxholes. All welcome.

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**6.30pm Feed Up Warm Up** Scout Hut

**Thurs 11 July**

Italian Club Hall	1pm	Brownies Scout Hall	6.30pm
Christian Meditation Group	6.30pm EC		

**Fri 12 July**

Parents & Toddlers Hall	9.30am	Lectio Divina EC	2pm
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**Sat 13 July**

**11.30am Altar Server Training** Church

**Sun 14 July**

**Coffee Morning** – One World Group

**Future Dates**

**Thurs 11 July at 5.30pm** - This month, Bishop John Wilson will leave the Diocese of Westminster to take up his new appointment as Archbishop of Southwark. Bishop John's dedicated service to our Diocese will be much missed indeed, not least in his work in the west of the Diocese, and in education.

There will be a Mass in the Cathedral on Thurs 11 July 2019, 5.30pm at which we will have the opportunity to give thanks for Bishop John's ministry among us, and to pray for God's blessing on him as he moves to Southwark. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Cathedral Hall. If you are planning to attend, it would be very helpful if you could contact Maura McBride ([mauramcbride@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:mauramcbride@rcdow.org.uk)), letting her know if you will be attending the Mass, the reception, or both. So that the Cathedral can make the necessary preparations, please reply by Thursday 4 July 2019 at the latest.

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**Fri 19 July 6-8 pm** - A Garden Party in aid of The Passage in the College Garden, Westminster Abbey. The college garden is the oldest cultivated garden in London and is surrounded by the historic building of Westminster Abbey and

the Houses of Parliament. The tickets, at £45 each include drinks and a full buffet supper. Music will be provided by the Salvation Army Band. There will be a prize raffle and a silent auction. To buy tickets, apply online through Eventbrite; <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-passage-garden-party-2019-in-association-with-vbid-and-vwbid-tickets-59008227196?aff=eac2>

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**26-28 July** - Places are still available at the **Annual Justice & Peace Conference** on the theme of "Forgotten People, Forgotten Places: Being Church on the Margins" Pope Francis calls us to be '*... a Church which is poor and for the poor*'. To be with those on the margins as equal partners, enabling them to find their own solutions to the issues they face. This Conference will work with Church Action on Poverty. There will be a crèche for children under 5 and a programme of activities for 5–11 year-olds. 12–18-year-olds will explore the conference theme in an active and thought-provoking weekend. People of all ages and backgrounds are welcome and encouraged to attend the conference. Our rates for children and people on low incomes are subsidised. Booking forms are available in our parish from Deolinda Eltringham or on-line. For more information and forms please contact NJ&PN at: 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX,

telephone 02079014864 or [admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk)

<https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/>

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**Tues 6 Aug and Fri 9 Aug** - Hiroshima & Nagasaki Days - Join Pax Christi outside Westminster Cathedral from 10am to 4pm for these important days of remembrance, witness and prayer.

See: [http://paxchristi.org.uk/event/hiroshima-day-westminster-cathedral/?instance\\_id=843](http://paxchristi.org.uk/event/hiroshima-day-westminster-cathedral/?instance_id=843)

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**Fri 9 Aug:** To commemorate the anniversary of the death of Blessed Franz Jagerstatter, a Vigil will take place at Westminster Cathedral Crypt followed by a Peace walk. Pax Christi's annual memorial service marks the execution of Blessed Franz Jagerstatter in Germany in 1943. The Vigil service of prayers and readings will be held in the Crypt Chapel, Westminster Cathedral from 6:30pm to 7:30pm (entrance via the car-park in Ambrosden Avenue). This will be followed by a peace walk (more details to follow on website). All are welcome.

## Other items of interest

Please contact Fr Tom if you would like information on leaving a gift or legacy to the parish in your Will.

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## News from the Global Catholic Climate Movement:

In the past two weeks, you've heard about the incredible momentum of the Catholic movement to protect creation; 100 Catholic climate strikes, the first-ever pastors' letter from the Vatican for the Season of Creation, And the incredible statement from Pope Francis declaring a climate emergency - *"Faced with a climate emergency, we must take action accordingly."* Pope Francis also made a ground-breaking first call to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Beyond 1.5 degrees, the effects of climate change become catastrophic. Pope Francis told the fossil fuel titans that *"only one decade or so remains in order to achieve this confinement of global warming . . . a radical energy transition is needed to save our common home."* Nothing less than the future of our planet is at stake. In our parish, various activities are being planned for the Season of Creation between 1 Sept - 4 Oct. Please be aware and prepare to take part and become involved.

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Hertfordshire Equality Council (HEC) wants to recruit four trustees who would like to make a difference to our Hertfordshire communities. Do you have a passion for fairness, equality and encouraging and celebrating good community relations? HEC is looking for trustees with experience of fundraising, communications (including websites/social media) and community engagement. A commitment to promoting equality and diversity is essential, as is communication and interpersonal skills needed to be part of our HEC Trustee team. For further information, please see further information in the jobs page of our parish website. Applications by: Monday 22nd July 2019.

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One of our parishioners, Farah Thompson, will be fundraising for The Garden House Hospice, Letchworth, by embarking on their Cambodia Trek and Community Project Challenge in October 2020. She will be training to take on the 88km trek across Cambodia as well as assist in a Community Project whilst there.

She would be very grateful for your kind donations, towards this important local charity and the overseas community project.

For more information on this and to donate online, please visit :

<https://www.justgiving.com/Farah-Thompson>



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We have received **£51.85** from Easyfundraising this year so far. Many thanks to all those who have signed up already!

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**Job Club** Every Wednesday 10am-12 noon until 29th July. If you know of anyone looking for work, they can just turn up at Zeo Centre Bedford Rd, Hitchin and receive help and support with job searching. For more info contact: [leigh.smith123@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:leigh.smith123@yahoo.co.uk) or 07931833838

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## KANYIKE PROJECT

TURNING PROBLEMS INTO OPPORTUNITIES

**The Kanyike Project** – Fr. Kakuba Kapia was born in 1947 and grew up in the villages of the Kanyike Project. Everyone lived in grass houses. He didn't go to school until he was 9 - there were cattle to be looked after and no money to pay school fees. He ran away and was taken under the wing of a priest who saw to his education.

He travelled widely in Europe and spent time in the Vatican. While studying for an MA in Theology at Bristol University, he met Sr. Joan and they struck up a long-standing friendship. After completing his studies in Rome, he returned to Uganda. He then invited Sr. Joan to Uganda to see Kanyike and asked her to help him with the village development project. He is currently not only the CEO of the Kanyike Project, but also a radio presenter, travelling lecturer and priest. He celebrated 40 years of priesthood in 2016. Although he retired as a lecturer and chaplain at Kyambogo University in 2013, he continues to lecture on a part-time basis. Every other year, he comes to the UK to raise awareness of the Kanyike Project and encourage fundraising. He visits schools, organisations and individuals who have either helped Kanyike or who wish to help. He also meets the UK Trustees of the Kanyike Project. The project began in 1986 in an area

devastated by many years of war by Fr. Kakuba Kapia, the driving force behind the vision of empowering members of the local community to support themselves. Fr Kakuba will be visiting the UK at the end of 2019.

<https://www.kanyikeproject.org.uk/contact@kanyikeproject.org.uk>  
<https://www.facebook.com/thekanyikeproject>

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To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, Pope Francis has announced the

**Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019** and has chosen the theme: **'Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on a Mission in the World'**. Awakening the awareness of the *missio ad gentes* (*missionaries to the nations*), and reinvigorating the responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm, are themes that combine the pastoral concern of Pope Benedict XV in *Maximum Illud* with the missionary vitality expressed by Pope Francis in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*: "*Missionary action is the paradigm of every work of the Church*" (EG 15).

**How to Live the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019**

There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of preparation for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019:

- Personal Encounter with Jesus Christ living in His Church through the Eucharist, the Word of God, personal and communal prayer
- Testimony: missionary saints, martyrs and confessors of the faith, as an expression of the Church scattered throughout the world
- Missionary charity: as a commitment to support the Church's missionary activity and communities too poor to support themselves, through *Missio*
- Missionary Formation: biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological.

We are preparing this now and if you have any ideas you want us to include please contact any of the pastoral team.

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Our parish is collecting **Oral Care Products** for recycling with Terracycle. It is a new recycling scheme

funded by Colgate, at a public collection site, with any funds raised from these items to go towards the *'Helping Herts Homeless'* just like the Writing Instruments we collect already, thus increasing our fund-raising for them. Many said these products could not be recycled - Colgate and Terracycle have found a way to solve the problem, which is great news for us all. We will raise £1 for every 1kg of waste sent for recycling.

**Accepted waste** - are ALL BRANDS of:

- Toothpaste tubes and caps and their cartons,
- Toothbrushes and their outer packaging,
- Electric toothbrush *heads only* and their packaging.

**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* A family



marked by loving trust, come what may, helps its members to be themselves and spontaneously to reject deceit, falsehood and lies.

Those who know their spouse is always suspicious, judgemental and lacking unconditional love, will tend to keep secrets, conceal their failings and weaknesses and pretend to be someone other than who they are.

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This week's counting teams:

**Sunday Team: 1 Monday Team: 4**



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

Email: [spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net](mailto:spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net)