



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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13th July – 20th July 2019 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

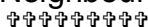
Parish Prayer: Bless this parish, Lord. Let our community reflect your own communion of love. Help us to live peacefully and humbly, attending to the call of your Spirit and mindful of our duty to everything you have created. Strengthen the bonds of our families and friendships with patience and kindness. Make us joyful messengers of your kingdom and a source of comfort for those in need. Amen

Ramblings

The Word of God is in your mouth and in your heart! It is also revealed through your actions - so ask yourself: What kind of neighbour are you? Here are some examples:-

- Driving a lady to hospital who used to be one of the 'girls from Bletchley' working on the Enigma project
- A volunteer driver who despite being injured and wearing a surgical boot, (*although cleared for driving*) aided a patient with a Zimmer frame to a hospital appointment causing some double takes as the two of them went down the corridor.
- A remarkable woman called Betty who despite suffering from AMD (*age related macular degeneration*) undertakes telephone befriending for two people and last year raised money for the Macular Society by abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower, the same year that she celebrated her 90th birthday!
- A volunteer who was introduced to a client's husband as she pointed to the ornate urn on the mantelpiece, holding his ashes.
- How a volunteer driver started the 'NOT ON YOUR OWN' CLUB in response to seeing a lot of people living on their own and now offers a regular monthly get together with food and entertainment and organises shopping trips to the local village.

What is your Good Neighbour story?



Today is **Sea Sunday**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This

Readings Deut 30:10-14, Col 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Psalm: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

Intercession: We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord, hear us!

Next week: Gen 18:1-10, Col 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42

collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit

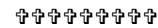
www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk



We pray for Pauline Taylor whose funeral is on Tuesday 16 July 2019 at 11.30am here at Our Lady's Church. We also pray for May Cockerton whose funeral is on Wednesday 17 July 2019 at 2pm at North Herts Crematorium only. We pray for Sabino Venezia whose funeral is on Thursday 18 July 2019 at 10am here at Our Lady's Church. May they rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort their families.



The next **baptism course** is 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



GIFT AID TAX REBATE CLAIM We are about to submit the Parish Gift Aid Tax rebate claim for the tax year ending 5 April 2019. If you have signed-up to Gift Aid your offerings and donations to the Church but no longer pay any tax, please can you let us know so that we do not submit an inappropriate claim. Please leave a message with Cheryl in the Parish Office or email David, our Gift Aid Administrator, at hitchin@rcdow.org.uk. If you do not know whether or not you have signed up for Gift Aid, David will be able to let you know. If you have not, it is never too late to do so and David will be able to send you details of the Gift Aid scheme and how it works.

Diary Dates

Sun 14 July

Coffee Morning – One World Group

EMMAUS Proceeds from this Sunday's OWLS coffee morning will go to support the work of Emmaus, a charity which enables homeless people to find a home and get back on their feet.

Mon 15 July – St Bonaventure

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

7pm Finance Committee Meeting LCR

Tues 16 July

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

2.30pm Mass at Milford Lodge. All welcome.

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8pm UCM Social Evening Social evening.

Please remember backpacks and items for Mary's Meals and refreshment items.

Wed 17 July

Rosary Church	9.30am	RCIA EC	7.30pm
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6.30pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hut

Thurs 18 July

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

Fri 19 July

Parents & Toddlers Hall	9.30am	Lectio Divina EC	2pm
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Sun 21 July

Coffee Morning – Cystic Fibrosis

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3-4.30pm Baptism course in the hall. Session 1

Other items of interest

18 July at 8-9.30pm at Wakelin & Son (Carling Building, off Market Square, SG5 1DR, Hitchin) This month's LessWasteHitchin community meet-up is on the topic on 'Less Stuff Less Waste'. One of the biggest things you can do to reduce your waste, is to simply stop buying so much stuff. When you're buying new things, you're creating demand for that thing, as well as creating demand for its journey of production and the waste that comes along with it. Simply saying no to things you don't need, and being appreciative for what you already have is one of the biggest steps you can take to reducing your waste. Come share and learn about tips & tricks to avoid acquiring more stuff (The Art of Refusal) and if you've got too much stuff how to let go (The Art of Decluttering) with minimum waste! Joining us is local decluttering professional, Kanan Tek of Simplify Decluttering.

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Pilgrimages available to book from Northern Star Travel –**The Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman** 11-14th October 2019. See parish website for details <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/retreats-and-prayer-events/> or contact: Northern Star Travel 0161 773 2115 or email info@northernstartravel.com

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Church cleaning We have a particular need for more people to help keep our church clean on Saturdays & Mondays. Teams of 2-3 people can co-ordinate their time to suit themselves. If you can give an 1½ hours once a month to keep our church beautiful please speak to or email Trish



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 hopes all things



Panta elpizei. Love does not despair of the future. This phrase speaks to the hope of one who knows others can change, mature and radiate unexpected beauty and untold

potential.

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This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 2 Monday Team: 1



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

Email: spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net