



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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3rd – 10th August 2019 – 18th 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

Readings: Ecc 1:2;2:21-23, Col 3:1-5.9-11, Luke 12:13-21

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalm: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Intercession: We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord, Hear Us!

Next week: Wis 18:6-9, Heb 11:1-2.8-19, Luke 12:32-48

Ramblings

Climate was not a great issue in Jesus' day but our Sunday readings strongly support **living more simply**. They also invite us to look for Christ and seek his presence. Focusing on ourselves and what we possess not only muddies the water but steers us into looking for Christ in the wrong place. *The great Sufi master, Mullah Nasruddin, was on his hands and knees searching for something under a streetlamp. A man asked, "What are you looking for?" "My house key," Nasruddin replied. "I lost it." The man joined him to look for the key. After a period of fruitless searching, the man asked, "Are you sure you lost it around here?" Nasruddin replied, "Oh, I didn't lose it here. I lost it over there, by my house." "Then why," the man asked, "are you looking for it over here?" "Because," Nasruddin said, "The light is so much better over here."* I remember the room of an Assumptionist that had a completely clear desk and very little furniture, books or ornaments. Yet, the room did not feel empty or forlorn. In fact, it was inviting and full of life and energy. It encouraged you to leave your baggage outside, relax and be at peace. Living more simply enables us to focus on what's important in life because, with less baggage, we see more clearly and enjoy the simplicity of things. It eventually leads to the realisation that Christ is present in the energy, peace, calm, goodness and love found in people. Remember! In receiving the Eucharist, *"Christ lives in you!"*

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We pray for Corrado Lorenzetto whose funeral is on **Wed 7 August at 11.30am** here at Our Lady's Church. May he rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort his family.



Do you want to learn more about it? Come to the meeting on **Sun 8 Sept** in the Parish Hall at 3:30pm to learn more about what we can offer you.

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Michaelmas Fair on 28 Sept Now that August is here, we have begun to ask for donations for the fair. Next weekend the familiar red baskets will be in the porch ready for goods of all description. These baskets are emptied every day and of course valuable items may be left in the office. Next week we are asking for toiletries and kitchen items. If you have goods you would like to be collected, please contact Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) Many thanks for your generosity.

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Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Thurs 8 Aug. For those attending, the coach will pick up here at Our Lady's Church, in Hitchin at **8am** (please arrive by **7.45am**) and then Letchworth at 8.15am.

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Diary Dates

Sun 4 August		
Coffee Morning – Zoe's Place		
Mon 5 August		
Christian Meditation Grp	11.30am EC	
2.30pm Mass at Gosmore. All welcome.		
Tues 6 Aug Transfiguration of the Lord		
Morning Prayer Church	9.30am	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm
Bethany Club	10.30am	

Wed 7 Aug

Rosary Church 9.30am

10am Bethany Meeting Hall

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6.30pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hut

Thurs 8 Aug St Dominic

Italian Club 1pm Christian Meditation Grp 6.30pm EC

Fri 9 Aug St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Lectio Divina EC 2pm

Sat 10 Aug St Lawrence**Sun 11 Aug**

Coffee Morning – OLSSG

Future Dates

Tenants of the King - a study course on climate change. St Mark's is running a four-part study series over summer, Tenants of the King. The materials are provided by Operation Noah, and the series is designed to reflect on what the Bible has to say about climate change, and how Christians can respond to one of the greatest challenges of our times. It will be on Wed at 8pm on 7, 21, 28 Aug and 4 Sept at a venue (St Mark's church or in a home) to be confirmed when numbers are known. If you would like to join, please contact Louise on louise.wills@outlook.com, or 07812 520 256. If you are interested but the time does not suit you, please let Louise know and if there is sufficient interest, it will be organised again in the autumn.

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Sun 8 Sept Are you an adult Catholic who has not been confirmed yet? Would you like to find out about how you can be prepared for the

sacrament? Come to the meeting on in the Parish Hall at 3:30pm to learn more about what we can offer you.

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Sat 21 Sept - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Group for Young People

Westminster Youth Ministry (WYM) invites young people aged 16 and above to join us on the diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham. The pilgrimage will be led by Cardinal Nichols and will include Mass, a Marian procession, rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as being an opportunity to express our love and devotion to our Blessed Mother as a diocese and a group of young people. WYM is laying on a coach departing from outside St Aloysius, Euston, NW1 1TA, at 7am, returning to St Aloysius early evening. Cost is £20 per person. Bring a picnic lunch. Booking form at <https://dowym.com/>

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Wed 25 Sept, 6pm - SUPPORT VICTIMS OF MODERN SLAVERY - Classical Concert Tickets,

See poster in porch.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/support-victims-of-modern-slavery-classical-concert-tickets-61926624200?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

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Other items of interest

The foodbank is in urgent need of donations of all types of food (tins, packets, etc.) and toiletries. It has a severe shortage of many items as there has been so much extra demand by users recently. Please can you pick up a couple of items each time you go shopping and pop them into the tub in the church porch when you next come to Church. Thank you so much.

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

AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 140*Our Daily Love – Love hopes all things*

In death, fully transformed by Christ's resurrection, every weakness, darkness and infirmity will pass away. There the person's true being will shine forth in all its goodness and

beauty

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This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team: 5 Monday Team: 4

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

Email: spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net