



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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10th August – 17th August 2019 – 19th 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

Faith is God's gift to us. We accept or reject it or, possibly, put it to one side. In accepting this gift, we allow it to change our lives. Mary and the apostles show us what this means. None of the great disciples of Jesus, including his mother, knew where their faith would lead them, yet it inspired them, gave them courage and a wisdom to make right decisions even if diverted along the way. Their faith gave them purpose, a purpose tied to the will of God, the will of the Father, reminding them - as it does us - that the Father's will is that we would have life, life to the full. Today there is a growing awareness that the journey of faith, although individually chosen, is a journey shared with others. Even though our choice is individual, it affects the lives of others – many others. Our positive choices inspire and motivate others and bring about conversion because we understand that we belong to a great family interdependent on one another; a family in which we experience the power of true love, compassion, reconciliation, kindness, creativity, joy, sorrow, value and dignity. When we finally meet Jesus face to face, we will not worry about being ready or whether we have fulfilled our duties. We will want to share with him our journey of faith with all its highs and lows. Knowing and believing, quite rightly, that we have done everything for him, for others, for the glory of his name and the glory of God.

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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 Sunday September 8th in the Parish Hall at 3:30pm to learn more about what we can offer you.

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

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones forever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Psalm: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Intercession: Lord hear us

Response: Lord, Graciously Hear Us!

Next week: Jer 38:4-6.8-10, Heb 12:1-4, Luke 12:49-53



We pray for Maria Colella whose funeral is on Tuesday 27 August 2019 at 11.30am here. May she rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort her family.

Diary Dates

Sun 11 August			
Coffee Morning – OLSSG			
Mon 12 August			
Christian Meditation Grp	11.30am		
6.45pm Michaelmas Fair Planning Meeting EC ††††††††††			
7pm St Pio Mass , at the home of Mr Hill, Pirton followed by supper.			
Tues 13 August			
Morning Prayer Church	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	7.15pm
Bethany Club	10.30am		
Wed 14 August St Maximilian Kolbe			
Rosary Church	9.30am		
10.40am Praise Group LCR All who love singing are welcome. With the help of a guitar, we choose the hymns from the last month's liturgy. ††††††††††			
2.30pm Mass at Foxholes All welcome. ††††††††††			
6.30pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hut			
Thurs 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
Italian Club Hall	1pm	Christian Meditation Grp	6.30pm EC
Holy day of obligation, Masses are at 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm.			
Fri 16 August			
		Lectio Divina	EC 2pm
Sun 18 August			
Coffee Morning – One World Group			

Pope Francis wrote a letter on 5th August, to priests around the world for the 160th anniversary of the death of the Curé of Ars, Patron Saint of parish priests. See full text on the parish website at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/news/> below the newsletter. Some hard copies are in the porch also.

Michaelmas
Fair

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28th September We are delighted with the quality and quantity of goods already donated to the fair. Many thanks for your generosity and thoughtfulness. Next week we are asking for bottles of all sorts for our popular Tombola stall. The red baskets in the porch are emptied every day but bottles of wine, spirits, beer or any other alcoholic beverage should be taken to the office. If you want to have your goods collected, please contact Pam Brannigan (01462 632587)

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 The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 16 August until Wednesday 28 August.

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Sacramental Co-ordinator – Susanna Hawksley will be leaving our parish and moving to the north soon. She will be greatly missed and we will celebrate her time with us in due course but in the meantime need to recruit her replacement. If you are interested in this part-time post or know someone who might be please direct them to the Diocesan website <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/sacramental-co-ordinator/> for details of the post and application form. Closing date for applications 11th September.

There will be an Appeal made at all Masses next weekend (17th/18th August) by the White Fathers. **The Missionaries of Africa**, also known as “The White Fathers” is an international Missionary Society of Priests, Brothers and Co-operators founded in 1868 by Cardinal Lavignerie. Established in North Africa, the Society has always placed special emphasis on its work within Africa.


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Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic?
 Do you want to learn more about it? Come to the meeting on Sunday September 8th in the Parish Hall at 3:30pm to learn more about what we can offer you.

Other items of interest



Churches together in Hitchin need a treasurer – not an onerous job as there are very few financial transactions but it is useful if someone has dealt with simple income and expenditure accounts. If you would be willing to help (and attend the occasional meeting to report) please let Trish know asap. Thank you

Summer Lunch Box Scheme for Foodbank provides lunch boxes for children on free school meals. **Items required:** Meatballs/hot dogs/ corn beef/ ham etc. /ravioli / sausage & beans / Pasta Sauce / Fruit Juice (long life) / Tinned Fish – Tuna / Tinned Fruit / Sponge Puddings / Tinned Rice Pudding / Custard / Cereal Bars / Biscuits / Sweets/Crisps – Packets for one.


 The only sane course that remains is to work frankly and without compromise for a supra-national authority and for the total abolition of war.
Thomas Merton, 1915-1968, Trappist monk, peace activist

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

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Our Daily Love – Love endures all things

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


 **Panta hypomenei.** This means love bears trial with a positive attitude. It stands firm in hostile surroundings. This ‘endurance’ involves not only the ability to tolerate certain aggravations, but something greater: a constant readiness to confront any challenge.

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 This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team: 6 Monday Team: 1



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