



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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17th – 24th August 2019 – 20th 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 This week we celebrated the feast of the Assumption. This is the major feast of the Assumptionist Congregation. Our founder Emmanuel d'Alzon inherited a school in Nimes called Assumption College, his first school. When he founded the Assumptionists, he adopted the name from his school believing that Mary had chosen to be our patron. We also believe that Christ chose us to be his followers in the Assumptionists. Like Mary we say to Christ, not my will but Thy will be done. Also like Mary we wish to give birth to Christ in the world, to make real for others the Good News of Jesus Christ. Simplicity, perseverance, courage, and total commitment and dedication, the hallmarks of Mary, are the hallmarks we try to display in our lives. We work for the coming of the Kingdom (Adveniat Regnum Tuum) - the reign of God. - in our hearts and the hearts of those around us. We do this out of love of Jesus Christ and what Jesus Christ loves, his mother Mary and the Church. We are men of faith living in community in solidarity with the poor. Our Lady of the Assumption pray for us!

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ONE WORLD/LIVE SIMPLY Proceeds from this Sunday's coffee morning will go to support 'Herts Welcomes Syrian Refugees', a local group which befriends refugees by offering support through English language lessons and help with access to services.

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MICHAELMAS FAIR 28th SEPTEMBER We are very grateful for the wide range of goods already donated for sale at the fair. Thank you very much. This week we are asking for good quality bric a brac which can be left in the red baskets in the porch. If you would like your goods to be

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

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Psalm: **Lord, come to my aid!**

Intercession: Lord in your mercy

Response: Hear our Prayer!

Next week Is 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7.11-13, Luke 13:22-30

collected please contact Pam Brannigan (01462 632587)

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Diary Dates

Sun 18 August			
Coffee Morning – One World Group			
Mon 19 August			
Christian Meditation Grp	11.30am		
6.45pm Michaelmas Fair Planning Meeting EC			
Tues 20 August St Bernard			
Morning Prayer Church	9.30am	No Eucharistic Service	
Bethany Club	10.30am		
Wed 21 August St Pius X			
Rosary Church	9.30am		
6.30pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hut			
Thurs 22 August Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
Italian Club Hall	1pm	Christian Meditation Grp	6.30pm EC
Fri 23 August			
		Lectio Divina	EC 2pm
Sat 24 August St Bartholomew			
Sun 25 August			
Coffee Morning – OLSSG			

Future Dates

Do you have a child entering Y3 in September?

He or she is eligible to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion! The program of preparation starts with an Information Evening on Tuesday **10th September**, at 7:30pm, in the Parish Hall. Application forms and dates are available on the parish website, under Sacramental Preparation/Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Paper versions are available in the

porch. Please submit your application by September 10th. I look forward to meeting and working with you!

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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.

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Tuesday 20 August – 2.30pm Mass at Milford Lodge. All welcome.

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Other items of interest

The Missionaries of Africa (The White Fathers), who are appealing this weekend, are an international team of Priests, Brothers and Lay Associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of the apostolate. Through Parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare, the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa and above all else – help to build up the leadership of the Churches.

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Here is a fabulous opportunity to attend a pilot of the workshop **“Sorted”** The workshop for a happier, calmer, clutter free life, at the discounted rate of £20 per-person. During this four hour workshop we will look at the effects of clutter on our health and wellbeing. We will look at ways to reduce clutter, get organised and look at systems

and strategies to make days less stressful. It will be a nurturing and gentle workshop, there will be group discussion and time for you to plan your next steps on your journey to clutter free organised living. Limited places available. To book your space go to www.systematichomes.co.uk or contact Joanne on 07939 475129

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Canonization of John Henry Newman

Join Westminster Youth Ministry for a once in a lifetime trip to witness the first canonization of an English saint for almost fifty years.

Travelling 11th to 14th October - highlights will include the canonization Mass with Pope Francis, the opportunity to visit historic sites and churches in Rome and Mass in the Venerable English College with Bishop Nicholas Hudson. Cost is £480 which includes flights, accommodation, breakfast and public transport around Rome and to and from the airport. To register visit dowym.com

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All young people of the diocese are invited to **'The Summit'** at Westminster Cathedral on **Friday 18th October 2019**, 6.30pm to 8pm, for an evening of inspiring reflections, contemporary worship music and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Cardinal Nichols and Brenden Thompson from Catholic Voices will be leading the reflections and the evening promises to be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our faith together. Please come along and encourage your friends, families, classes, youth groups, confirmation groups and any other young people you know to join us. More information at <https://dowym.com/events/the-summit-westminster-cathedral/>

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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 endures all things



Panta hypomenei describes a love that never gives up, even in the darkest hour. It shows a certain dogged heroism, a power to resist every negative current, an irrepressible commitment to goodness.

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This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team: 1 Monday Team: 2



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

