



# 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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**28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

**Parish Prayer:** During this Season of Creation, open our eyes to see the precious diversity that is all around us. Enlighten our minds to appreciate the delicate balance maintained by each creature. Inspire us to conserve the precious habitats that nurture this web of life. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Readings:** Amos 6:1.4-7, 1Tim 6:11-16, Luke 16:19-31

**Entrance Antiphon:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**Bidding:** Lord, in your mercy

**Response:** Hear our Prayer!

**Ramblings** The rich man (Dives) in Jesus story lacked true awareness. He must have seen Lazarus at his door whenever he passed through. Awareness, then, is not just about seeing but a way of seeing that leads to an experience. In our case, an experience of the presence of God, of the sacred. The rich man, focused only on himself, probably saw Lazarus as someone who had sinned against God and was being punished, just as he saw himself as blessed with wealth and opulence by God for being righteous. Jesus continually taught us about awareness through his parables seeking to help shape the way we perceive ourselves, others and the world. It is an awareness built on the principles of loving God and neighbour. In loving God we are reminded that we (and everyone else) are made in God's image. We come to experience the presence of God in ourselves and others and, once aware of that presence, our vision of everything changes radically, enabling us to see with God's eyes. Taken out of ourselves we are better able to see the world through the eyes of others. Our encounter with creation makes us aware of the importance of the sun and the rain in the growth of plants and flowers and of the intricate network of dependency among the insects, beetles, birds, and animals; opening us to the wonderful creativity and beauty of God. If creation offers us this, how much more must the people we encounter be treasure-houses of the splendid goodness, beauty and love of God. Don't be fooled by outward appearances, like the rich man, but become truly AWARE!!

be 14<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. This will be confirmed in next week's newsletter.

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**Michaelmas**

Many thanks for all your support for the fair. Once expenses have been deducted we will let you know the proceeds. Meanwhile a



list of raffle prize winners is on display in the porch. Congratulations to the winner and thanks to all who bought tickets. There are many bargains still to be had and these will be on sale in the Hall after the Sunday morning Masses.

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**JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 10-11.30** in the Scout Hall. Many bargains to be had. Buy a bag and fill it. Clothes, toys, China, bedding, books and much more.

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**This Sunday, September 29, marks the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.**

Pope Francis has made the fight for the rights of migrants and refugees one of the focal points of his pontificate and has invited everyone "to express, even through prayer, our closeness to migrants in refugees worldwide". The day is "not just migrants" as we are invited to think also about refugees, internally displaced persons and victims of trafficking as their wellbeing concerns all of us as individuals and as one human family.

### Diary Dates

Sun 29 September			
<b>Coffee Morning – Bereavement Group</b>			
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<b>FHC Inscription Mass</b> at all Masses this weekend (Parents and Children)			
Mon 30 September <b>St Jerome</b>			
Parents & Toddlers Hall	9.30am	Beavers Scout Hall	6pm
Christian Meditation Grp	11.30am EC	Cubs Scout Hall	7.15pm

The Elmside Mass is being changed from a Wednesday to a Monday. The first date should

<b>Tues 1 October St Therese of the child Jesus</b>			
Morning Prayer Church	9.30am	Scouts	7pm
		Scout Hall	
Bethany Club Hall	10.30am	<b>No</b> Eucharist service	
<b>7.30pm Mass</b> for the start of the extraordinary month of mission ††††††††††			
<b>8pm UCM</b> Talk by the Buzzworks Association in Lower committee room.			
<b>Wed 2 October The Holy Guardian Angels</b>			
Rosary Church	9.30am	RCIA EC	7.30pm
<b>6.30pm Feed Up Warm Up – Scout Hall</b>			
<b>Thurs 3 October</b>			
Italian Club Hall	1pm	Christian Meditation Grp	6.30pm EC
Brownies Scout Hall	6.30pm	Choir	8pm Church
<b>10am St Pio Mass</b>			
<b>10.35am St Pio Group Meeting - LCR</b>			
<b>Fri 4 October St Francis of Assisi</b>			
Parent & Toddlers Hall	9.15am	Lectio Divina	EC 2pm
<b>5pm Pet service</b> for the Feast of St Francis – see sheet for EMM (extraordinary month of mission)			
<b>Sat 5 October</b>			
<b>10-11.30am Jumble Sale – Scout Hall</b>			
<b>Sun 6 October</b>			
<b>Coffee Morning – SPUC</b> ††††††††††			
3-4.30pm – in the hall Catholicism, The Journey of a Lifetime’ – see sheet for EMM			

## Future Dates

**19th October 10am – 1pm THE ‘D’ WORD** - A workshop creating space to talk about death and dying in our church hall.

Why do we find it so hard to say the words ‘death’ & ‘dying’?

Join the team from a small but rapidly growing charity to learn more about what happens when we are approaching death, how to support others, why end of life planning is so important, and dispel many taboos around the subject. An informal, informative 3 hours of discussion & learning

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**Do you want to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith?** Join me in watching and reflecting on selected episodes of Bishop Robert Barron’s series, ‘Catholicism, The Journey of a Lifetime’.

- The Teachings of Jesus
- The Indispensable Men (Peter and Paul)
- Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven (Eucharist)
- A Vast Company of Witnesses (the communion of saints)

October Sunday afternoons 3pm – 4:30pm, in the Hall. With breathtaking cinematography of some of the world’s most amazing religious sites and treasures.

Bishop Barron leads his audience to a deeper appreciation of the faith we share. Come on – give it a try!

<b>To donate to Our Lady's through text giving on your mobile phone !!</b> <b>Just text Parish HITCH to 70800 to donate £5.</b>			
If you have a need for prayer, please contact <b>Mary</b> on <b>07759195487</b> and let her know your prayer intentions		<b>AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE 148</b> <i>Our Daily Love – Love endures all things</i>	
<b>Faith Development Helpline</b> If you (or someone you know) needs to chat about your faith or have been feeling lost ring <b>07398821315</b> Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm. Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself			
"I (Pope Francis) think of the words of Martin Luther King: ‘Somewhere somebody must have a little sense and that’s the strong person. The strong person is the person who can cut off the chain of hate, the chain of evil’.”			
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 This week’s counting teams: <b>Sunday Team: 1 Monday Team: 4</b>		 If you are going into hospital please notify the Chaplain on Tel: <b>01438 285519</b> or Email: <a href="mailto:spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net">spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net</a>	