



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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19th October – 26th October 2019 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Parish Prayer: Lord Jesus, when you rose from the dead you sent your followers to go and 'make disciples of all nations'. Through our baptism you send us, too. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit to help us share our faith, in what we say and do. May we bring light and life to the world, in your name. May all people hear the good news of your love and mercy and come to know it for themselves. This we ask in your name. Amen

Readings: [Ex 17:8-13](#), [Tim 3:14-4:2](#), [Luke 18:1-8](#)

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me

Psalm: **Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

Intercession: Lord in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer!

Ramblings What is Faith? Saint John Henry Newman believed Faith was illuminative, leading us into action by showing us the way. Faith, however, while not forcing us into action, makes us aware of our responsibilities. Faith opens up a path of adventure while revealing the hazards we may encounter. It helps us see the sacrifices we may need to make as a blessing. Believing we should want to live by faith, he says that every day we place our faith in the word of others that it is only by faith that we know who we are, our circumstances, our rights and privileges, our fortunes, our parents, our brothers and sisters, our age and our mortality. This is why Faith is key to Religion; for religion enlightens, terrifies, and subdues, it inflicts remorse, inspires resolutions, draws tears and inflames devotion in a way that can only be embraced through Faith. True Faith will not let us be arrogant, rash in speech or disputatious, but helps us understand our religion and engage with it, knowing where we stand. Faith helps us understand what we do and do not believe, encouraging us to know the creed so well that we can give an account of it. Like him, let us **“Trust God** understanding that *whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve God; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve God; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve God. My sickness, or perplexity, or sorrow may be necessary causes of some great end, which is quite beyond us. God does nothing in vain.*”

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Thank you to all who supported, in whatever way, last weekend's KISS Tea & Coffee morning which raise £167.00. Your kindness, generosity and support is so much appreciated!

ONE WORLD/LIVE SIMPLY Proceeds from this Sunday's coffee morning will go to the Camphill Village Trust which provides supportive living for people with a range of disabilities and needs.

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Many thanks to you all for your kind and generous donations to CAFOD last weekend. £363.56 was raised.

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We pray for Vincenzo Albanese whose funeral is here at Our Lady's Church on Wednesday 30 October at 11am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort his family.



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There will be a second collection this weekend for **World Mission Sunday** – World Mission Sunday instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926, encourages prayers, cooperation and help for missions as well as reminding Christians about the fundamental missionary character of the Church and of every baptized person. Please also hand in your red **Missio** boxes to be counted.

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The next Marriage Preparation course in this parish will take place on Saturday 26th October 2019. Registration is at 9:30am and the course will run until approximately 4pm. **To book a place please email**

catholicmarriageprep@outlook.com **with your full names (both parties).** We are able to take 25 couples on this course. We ask you to bring food for a shared lunch on the day. The fee is £60 per couple.

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There will be Olive Wood Carvings from the Holy Land on sale in the porch after all Masses next weekend.

Diocese Annual Report & Accounts 2018 The Annual Report & Accounts of the Diocese for 2018 have now been published. A summary of the results including an introduction from the Cardinal is posted on the notice board in the Porch. Full details can be read in the publications section of the Diocese website (rcdow.org.uk). Alternatively, a paper copy is available to read in the Parish Office.


Diary Dates


Sun 20 October			
Coffee Morning – One World Group ††††††††††			
3pm – “Catholicism” – Hall - <i>Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven (Eucharist)</i> ††††††††††			
6pm Benediction			
Mon 21 October			
Parents & Toddlers Hall	9.30am	Beavers Scout Hall	6pm
Christian Meditation Grp	11.30am EC	Cubs Scout Hall	7.15pm
Tues 22 October St John Paul II			
Morning Prayer Church	9.30am	Scouts Scout Hall	7pm
Bethany Club Hall	10.30am	Euch Service	7.15pm
Wed 23 October			
Rosary Church	9.30am	RCIA EC	7.30pm

2pm Mass for Our Lady at Our Lady’s School. 6.30pm Feed Up Warm Up – Scout Hall			
Thurs 24 October			
Italian Club Hall	1pm	Christian Meditation Grp	6.30pm EC
Brownies Scout Hall	6.30pm	Choir	8pm Church
Fri 25 October			
Parent & Toddlers Hall	9.15am	Lectio Divina	EC 2pm
Sat 26 October			
9am – Marriage Preparation Course – Hall ††††††††††			
10am – RE Session - EC			
Sun 27 October			
Coffee Morning – Diapalante ††††††††††			
3pm – “Catholicism” – Hall - <i>A Vast Company of Witnesses (the communion of saints)</i> ††††††††††			
6pm Benediction			

Future Dates

Job Club Every Wednesday 10am-12 noon starts Wednesday 23/10/19. Anyone looking for work can just turn up at Zeo Centre Bedford Rd, Hitchin and receive help and support with job searching. Email leigh.smith123@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07931833838 for more info

 **The Assumptionists in the Philippines** In the Philippines there are three Assumptionists communities. Two of them in Quezon City. The third, is the novitiate in Manila, where there are six novices. In Paris our printing house is Bayard with a foothold in the Philippines. There is also Assumption Language College in Quezon City. There are twenty members of the order working in the Philippines

 Our physical power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men. *The Rev Dr Martin Luther King, 1929–1968, Nobel Peace laureate*

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 endures all things

The Christian ideal, especially in families, is a love that never gives up. I (Pope Francis) am sometimes amazed to see men or women who have had to separate from their spouse for their own protection, yet, because of their enduring conjugal love, still try to help them, even by enlisting others, in their moments of illness, suffering or trial.



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 This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team: 4 Monday Team: 3

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