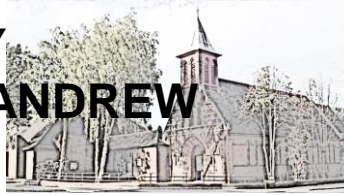




# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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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**26<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 - 30<sup>th</sup> 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:** Ecc 35:12-14.16-19, Tim 4:6-8.16-18, Luke 18:9-14

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**Psalm: This poor man called; the Lord heard him.**

**Intercession:** We pray to the Lord

**Response: Lord, Hear Us!**

**Next week: Wis 11:22-12:2, Thess 1:11-2:2, Luke 19:1-10**

## Ramblings

For the seeker and those open to challenge there is always something new to learn about self, about others and about God. Of all the attributes of God, Mercy must take a leading role. Yet, there is so much more to God's mercy than forgiveness, necessary and essential though that is. God's mercy is empowering. It motivates and urges us into action, particularly in giving us the desire to emulate the mercy we have received. Mercy flows freely and lovingly from God; it is never earned. We cannot even say we deserve God's mercy. We can say, however, that we need God's mercy because it has the power to free us from the weight and oppression of the past. Mercy enables us to move forward freely and with confidence, knowing that we are valued and loved not because we are perfect but because we are a child of God. God's mercy enables us to see the good in ourselves and in others knowing that this is what God sees in us. God sees the potential for good with which he has blessed us and wants to help us use this goodness generously for the benefit of others as well as ourselves. God sees how lovable we are and God's mercy enables us to see the loveliness of others while leading us to a deeper understanding of God's love for us. Rather than an attribute of God, mercy is part and parcel of the very nature of God . . . Made in the image of God, may mercy be a hall mark of our mission.

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**Tuesday morning prayers** will now start at **9.40am** so that more parishioners who would come to Mass on a Tuesday can get there and join in with morning prayer before the Mass with only a small gap between the two. Please do take the chance to join the community for this prayer from the Divine Office.

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**BAPTISM COURSE** The next Baptism preparation course will be held on **Sunday 17th November from 3pm - 4:30pm** and on **Sunday 24th November from 3:30pm - 4:30pm**, followed by the 5pm Mass, at which your child will receive the first anointing of Baptism. Both sessions must be attended to complete the course. If you have a child in need of baptism or are expecting a child and want to get ahead, please sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard in the Link (down the steps in the porch, toward the hall).

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Many thanks to you all for your generous contributions last weekend for World Mission Sunday. A total of £471.12 was raised.

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The One World Group raised £97.16 at their recent coffee morning. The proceeds go to Camphill Village Trust. Many thanks to you all for your kind and generous support.

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**Our Lady's School ADMISSIONS OPEN EVENING 7pm** Thursday 14th November 2019. See poster in porch. Please also sign-up to see Fr Tom to discuss the certificate of Catholic practice which you need for your application to the school.


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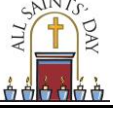
**Envelopes and sheets** for recording names for the month of **Holy Souls** are at the back of the church and can be returned any time to the box provided for prayer during the month for your deceased loved ones.

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**Ida Bellamy 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday on 31st October** Tea has been arranged at Sloe Hill, Mill Lane, Gosmore at 2-4pm by her family. All friends from Bethany and the parish are welcome to come.

**Diary Dates**

<b>Sun 27 October</b>			
Coffee Morning – Diapalante ††††††††††			
3pm – “Catholicism” – Hall - A Vast Company of Witnesses (the communion of saints) ††††††††††			
6pm Benediction			
<b>Mon 28 October</b>			
Parents & Toddlers Hall	Half Term	Beavers Scout Hall	Half Term
Christian Meditation Grp	11.30am EC	Cubs Scout Hall	Half Term
<b>Tues 29 October</b>			
Morning Prayer Church	9.40am	Scouts Scout Hall	7pm
Bethany Club Hall	10.30am	<b>No Eucharist Service</b>	
<b>Wed 30 October</b>			
Rosary Church	9.30am	RCIA EC	Half Term
	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.		
6.30pm Feed Up Warm Up – Scout Hall			
<b>Thurs 31 October</b>			
Italian Club Hall	1pm	Christian Meditation Grp	6.30pm EC
Brownies Scout Hall	Half Term	Choir Church	8pm

<b>Fri 1 November – All Saints Day</b>			
Parent & Toddlers Hall	Half Term	Lectio Divina	EC 2pm
	This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm.		
<b>Sat 2 November – All Souls Day</b>			
Blessing of graves will take place after the 10am Mass. Meet up at St John's cemetery at 11.30am			
<b>Sun 3 November</b>			
Coffee Morning – Live Simply Group			

**Future Date**

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 6.15pm** - We have our Annual Service of Commemoration for those people who have died in our parish this year. All are welcome to come along and light a candle for their own deceased loved ones.

**Other Event**

**HEALING EVENT WITH THE LITTLE WAY HEALING MINISTRIES:** On **Saturday 2nd** and **Sunday 3rd November** (10am - 5pm; lunch break 12noon - 1pm) in St Vincent De Paul Catholic Primary School, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage, SG1 1NJ. All are welcome to come and experience the power of the Holy Spirit to change lives and to be filled with the courage to live without fear, as God intended, in the peace of Christ, the Divine Physician.



**The Assumptionists in Korea.** There is only one Assumptionist community in Korea at Gwangju with seven members. This foundation was started with volunteers from Europe, despite the very difficult language they persevered. There is one more country with only one house and that is New Zealand where the community was founded by our Dutch Fathers.

**To donate to Our Lady's through text giving on your mobile phone !!**  
Just text **Parish HITCH** to **70800** to donate £5.

**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 152**



*Our Daily Love - Growing in Conjugal Love*  
Conjugal love is the love between husband and wife, a love sanctified, enriched and illuminated by the grace of the sacrament of marriage.

If you have a need for prayer, please contact **Mary** on **07759195487** and let her know your prayer intentions

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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](mailto:spiritualcare.enh-tr@nhs.net)