



CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



Daily Mass is at 10am for 26 household groups and 12 singles and is livestreamed on <https://www.facebook.com/trish.bonnett> and posted as an audio file to the homepage of the parish website by 11.30am daily. There is limited opening for private prayer. See below



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15th- 22nd August 2020 – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Parish Prayer: Lord Jesus, as the world copes with coronavirus, help us to remember that you are always with us. Grant wisdom to decision makers and bless all health workers. Bring healing to the sick; give peace to the anxious and comfort those who are sad. Stir us to show your love and mercy most especially to the poor and weak. This we ask in your name. Amen.

Readings: Acts 1:1-11, Eph 4:1-13, Mark 16:15-20

Entrance Antiphon: Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, who today were exalted above the choirs of Angels into eternal triumph with Christ.

Psalm **On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.**

Intercession: Lord in your Mercy

Response: Hear our Prayer!

Next week: Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Matt 16:13-20

Ramblings Our Lady of the Assumption



What a great feast to celebrate in August! Our Blessed Lady taken up to heaven to be crowned with glory. Mary wears a crown that makes her a very special mother to us. She treats us with royal dignity. Her crown is a crown of love. Love shown to God and to us. Love received from God and from us. A very

special reflection of God's love for us. It is no wonder, then, that our founder Emmanuel d'Alzon named his religious family the Assumptionists. In fact, Emmanuel believed that Mary chose to be our patron. He had bought a school in his home town of Nimes. The name of the school was Assumption College. Emmanuel d'Alzon began the first organised pilgrimages to Lourdes in France which developed into what became the French National Pilgrimage and which is now an International Pilgrimage which gathers in Lourdes this week in order to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption in one of Mary's very special homes that overflows with the love of God and of her son Jesus Christ. In one of his letters Emmanuel writes "*The mystery that unifies the life of Mary is the Immaculate Conception; the mystery that consumes her in glory is the Assumption. Between the two and in order to unify them, I identify her painful compassion. Why? Because the birth of Jesus Christ and the rest of his life are linked to human salvation taking place through the cross, and Mary was the purest of creatures*

in order to cooperate perfectly with Jesus Christ in the mystery of the redemption through her compassion. Her glory in heaven is so great because of this very cooperation. By this we are taught that we must purify ourselves more and more each day in order to be less unworthy of suffering. The more we have suffered, the greater will be our glory.

Diary Dates

Sun 16 – Sat 21 August
10am Mass in the church.
Mon 17 August
Parish Pantry 12pm–4pm for those in the parish (or any neighbours you know) who are in need of food. Come to the kitchen door of the hall.
Wed 19 August
6pm – Feed Up Warm Up – Scout Hall

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Private prayer in church Monday – Friday We can offer limited opportunities for the church to be open for private prayer in addition to the Mass. For this week the times are below:

Mon 17/8	Tue 18/8	Wed 19/8	Thur 20/8	Fri 21/8
12-1pm	12-1pm	12-1pm	12-1pm	12-1pm

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We pray for **Josephine Tilley** whose funeral is on **Thursday 20 August 2020 at 11am** at North Herts Crematorium and Memorial Park and for **Gerard Walker** who funeral is on **Thursday 27 August at 2pm** and for **Tom McNicholas** whose funeral is on **Wednesday 9 September 2020 at 1.15pm**. We also pray for Mary Deuchar who died this week. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. May the Lord comfort their families.





Seeking revenge never brings peace in the end.

HRH Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall

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Cleaners needed to ensure we can keep the church open for Mass. We still have one gap to fill.

1 person to join the **Wednesday** morning team who clean from 10.45-11.30am asap

If you can help once a week to clean the church to ensure it can open again for the next Mass please let me know asap.

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Eco-Bricks are still going strong!



Walsworth Road Baptist church have been collecting even throughout lockdown, and have just returned from the delivery of a trailer-full of bottles to the farm where the hope is to start building a pigsty very soon! They had 731 filled bottles altogether in our delivery, which was a much appreciated contribution!



A 2-litre drinks bottle stuffed full of the unrecyclable plastic that is all around us may seem an unlikely way to make a statement about seeking a more sustainable way of life, but at Walsworth Road Baptist Church they believe it really can make a difference. They invite anyone to join them.

And all you need to is take a clean and dry 2-litre drinks bottle, and try and fill it with at **450g** of the soft plastic films, bags and packaging that are not currently recyclable. Please ensure that the plastic itself is dry and as clean as possible (and we suggest that really mucky plastic isn't actually suitable for this!), and you are encouraged to use a piece of dowel rod, or even a wooden spoon handle, to push the plastic into the bottle to pack it as densely as possible. Top tip – ensure that the first plastic in your bottle is really squishy to fill in the 'feet' of the bottle!

When your bottle is as full as it can be, put the lid on tightly, and please write the approx. weight on it, and bring it to **Walsworth Road Baptist Church, Hitchin (SG4 9SP)** There is a box to the left of their porch doors they can be left in.

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SEASON OF CREATION

1st September – 4th October: Season of Creation - an ecumenical initiative uniting Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our



Fr Athanase Sage, a noted student of St Augustin, is remembered above all for his volume on the Spiritual Writings of Fr d'Alzon, our founder. A selection of letters, talks and documents all with their special introduction. Despite failing eyesight he worked right up to the end of his life providing documents on Fr d'Alzon.

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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Growing in Conjugal Love - Marrying for Love

To opt for marriage expresses a genuine and firm decision to join paths, come what may. Given its seriousness, this public commitment of love cannot be the fruit of a hasty decision, but neither can it be postponed indefinitely.



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