

CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS

(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



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Daily Mass at 10am is open to the public and is livestreamed on [Livestream Mass](#) and posted to the homepage of the parish website by 11.30am daily. If you can come another day please leave Sunday for those who can't.

6th – 13th March 2021- 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B the gospel according to Mark

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: This week: Ex 20:1-17, Cor 1:22-25, John 2:13-25

Psalm: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Next week: Chron 36:14-16, 19-23, Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21

Ramblings Some scholars believe that the ten commandments were originally a decalogue – ten words. Here is a positive form of the Ten Commandments produced by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

1. We honour God as Creator. We praise him and would never put anything else in his place in our lives.
2. We always show reverence and honour to God, so would never use his name disrespectfully.
3. We remember to worship God by participating at Sunday mass, and through that we give honour to ourselves, as well, by resting, praying, and doing good.
4. We respect our parents and their authority. We also give that same respect to those who are given authority over us as long as they protect and care for our good.
5. We respect life as being sacred in all its forms which has dignity and beauty.
6. We respect the family and our part in family life. We respect marriage as being the place for sexual relationship. We respect our own bodies and those of others.
7. We respect the property of others.
8. We respect others by being honest and truthful. We do not gossip or try to harm others' reputations.
9. We respect our relationships and the relationships of other people.
10. We are satisfied with and are grateful for the gifts which we have been given.

Ten ways to care for creation: -

1. **Eat Those Leftovers!**
2. **Change Light Bulbs to Eco-Friendly Types**
3. **Commit to Low or No Waste Grocery Shopping**
4. **Turn Off the Lights When Not in Use**
5. **Observe World Water Day March 22, 2021**
6. **Cut Your Shower Time to 4 Minutes or less**

7. **Observe Earth Day Sunday on April 25, 2021**
8. **Eat a Plant-Based Meal or Meals with Ingredients from Local Farms**
9. **Wait to Run the Dishwasher until it is Full**
10. **Watch a Documentary on Creation Care and/or Environmental Justice**

Diary Dates

Sun 7 March

Once again our healing team will be praying for those who need healing prayers this Sunday. This is in place of our healing service which we have back in our church as soon as it is safe to do so.



If you have need for prayer or have family or friends you wish us to pray for please let me know their names by tomorrow and I will send them to the team.

We will include in our prayer those suffering from Covid-19 and ask God for an end to this current pandemic and the continued delivery of the vaccines across the world so as to reduce the loss of life.

Sun 7 March – Sat 13 March

10am Mass in the church.

Wed 10 March



We pray for **John McGonigle** whose funeral is today May he rest in peace and rise in glory. May the Lord comfort his family.

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6pm – Feed Up Warm Up – Scout Hall

Mass attendance over the past week

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
14	54	23	13	20	20	25



If you have any spare plastic carrier bags please drop them to the church for the Food Provision team.

Lent Resources includes an online Stations of the Cross led by Ann Milner. Go to [Lent Resources](#) to access.

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Confirmation classes for year 9 and above are now full – No more applications will be taken as the course is at an advanced stage. The next opportunity will be 2022.

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Churches Together in Hitchin Lent Prayers - Wednesday at 6

Together is having 15 minutes of prayer each Wednesday in Lent at 6 pm. The prayers, based on 'Invitations from the Cross' by Krish Kandiah, the guide for this year's CTH Lent Bible study groups, will be led by representatives of different churches - this coming

The Zoom joining instructions each week are as follows

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84078666759?pwd=eVovOHBWUkJFYTCydXhlcTNnRGdRUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 7866 6759

Passcode: 768859

Telephone: 0203 051 2874

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Parish Pilgrim Walk 4 Water | Walk for Water | CAFOD

If you have supported CAFOD collections in the past Ann Milner asks you to please visit her Walk for Water page. This Lent she's taking on the Walk for Water Challenge. She'll be walking 10,000 steps a day for 40 days to raise money for CAFOD's work around the world. She has a fundraising website where you can track her progress and donate at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/owls-walk-4-water> If you don't want to contribute in this way, you can put money in an envelope addressed to



Ann and drop it off to the church office.

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Have you entered the #easyfundraising Mother's Day Giveaway to help Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew Church - Hitchin WIN a £500 donation!

To enter simply visit the competition page and click any of the listed retailers before midnight on 14th March! Enter now:

<http://efraising.org/oXfMg6aEit>

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Our next Novena for Lent 6th – 14th March

Almighty and Everlasting God, you have given us Jesus as a model of humility. He fulfilled your will by becoming man and giving his life on the cross. Help us to bear witness to you by following his example of suffering and be worthy to share in His Resurrection. We pray for an end to the current pandemic and for the continued distribution of the vaccines across the world so as to reduce the loss of life. Grant this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



The only Assumptionist house in Canada is at Quebec, originally a shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Montmatre Canadien) is today a retreat and conference centre.



AMORIS LAETITIA THE JOY OF LOVE 221 *Passionate Love* - The Second Vatican Council teaches that conjugal love 'embraces the good of the whole person; it can enrich the sentiments of the spirit and their physical expression with a unique dignity and ennoble them as the special features and manifestation of the friendship proper to marriage. (Gaudium et Spes, 49)



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