



CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS

(of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



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10th April – 17th April 2021 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - 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.

Ramblings This Sunday is also *Divine Mercy* Sunday. Jesus said to Thomas 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Most encouraging words for us. In fact, not having seen Jesus gives us the advantage of seeing/experiencing his presence in others more easily; in the different events of the day, in creation and in the silence. John goes on to say that the reason he has written about Jesus and the signs that he worked was not only to help us believe in Jesus but so that we have life, life to the full. Let us be clear that the fullness of life includes both its ups and downs, the good and the bad, suffering as well as happiness. Life is full of achievements and successes as well as failures. We experience victories as well as defeats. We need both the ups and downs in order to find the right balance, discover our true abilities and also what we are not good at in life. We learn the importance of family, friends and community and the ability to discern the common good. Jesus taught us that even death and abject failure can eventually lead to a whole new life that is radiant with light and glory. Having made the serious mistake of not believing Jesus had risen from the dead, Thomas emerged with a deepened, stronger and more steadfast faith. We are called to reflect on the mercy of God this Sunday because Jesus knows that, in forgiving us, our lives are renewed, our faith is strengthened and our commitment is made more durable. We will discover this, too, whenever we show mercy to others.

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Mass attendance over the past week

Triduum Maundy Thursday 60

Good Friday 98/22*

Easter vigil 64/11*

| Sun 10am | Sun 12pm | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri |
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| 92/27* | 104/4* | 27 | 19 | 12 | 21 | 23 |

*livestream attendance

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.

Readings: Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Next week: Acts:3:13-15,17-19, 1 Jn 2:1-5, Luke 24:35-48

Diary Dates

Sun 11 April – 17 April

10am Mass in the church. **Book for Sunday.**

Sun 11 April

2.30pm Divine Mercy service St Hilda's church Stevenage. No need to book. Confession is also available.

Wed 14 April



We pray for **John Smith** 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



Cardinal Nichols prays for the repose of the soul of Prince Philip

"At this moment of sadness and loss I pray for the repose of the soul of Prince Philip, Her Majesty the Queen's faithful and loyal husband. I pray for the Queen and all of the Royal Family.

"How much we will miss Prince Philip's presence and character, so full of life and vigour. He has been an example of steadfast loyalty and duty cheerfully given. May he rest in peace."

+ Vincent Nichols

Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster



Steps to Pentecost Starting April 13th at 7pm we have a series of reflections on the readings between Easter and Pentecost.

The sessions are about 30 minutes. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85127557261?pwd=aXIGNFYzbXJ4Wmc5ZWUxczFKQmpJUT09>

Meeting ID: 851 2755 7261

Passcode: 885211

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CAP Job Club Will be starting a new course online on Wed 21st April at 10am – 12 noon.

Job club is an eight-week course, exploring various job search techniques in a fun and fulfilling way.

We cover motivation, strengths and weaknesses, CVs, Cover letters, Interview skills and volunteering. If you know anyone who is interested, please contact Leigh Smith via email lsmith@capjobclubs.org or mobile 07931 833838

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The next **Marriage Preparation course** in this parish is on **Saturday 17th April**. This will be delivered via Microsoft TEAMS.

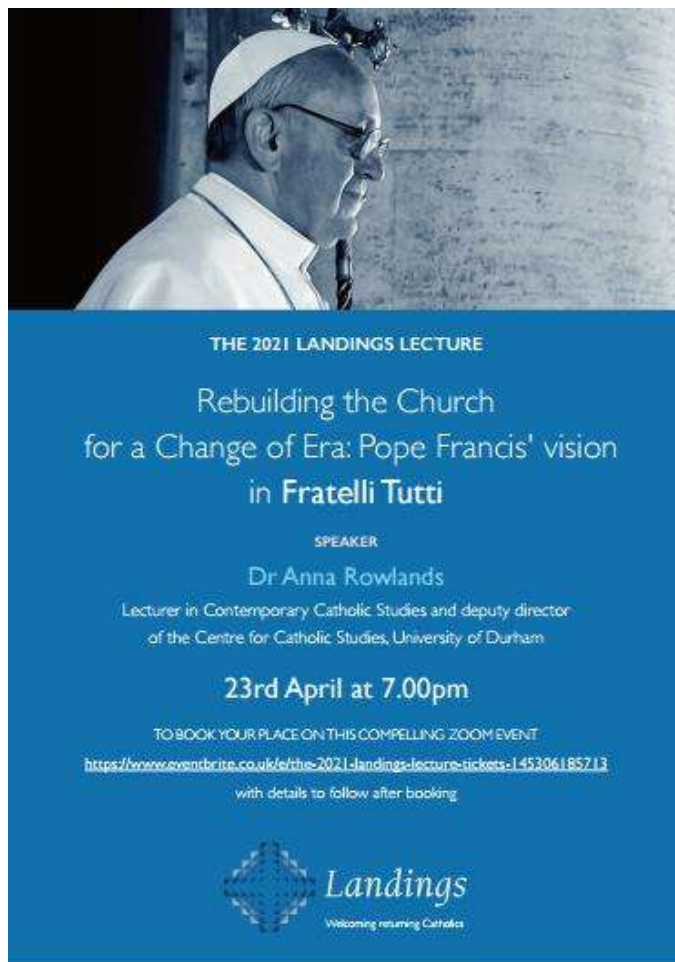
The course will start at 10am and the course will run until 3pm. To book a place please email CatholicMarriagePrep with your full names (both parties). We are able to take 25 couples on this course. The fee is £50 per couple.

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Catholic Ethos Advocate Circa £40k per annum (dependent upon skills, qualifications and experience, pro-rata where applicable).

The Trustees of St Elizabeth's, Much Hadham Hertfordshire SG10 6EW are creating a new post to further, celebrate and promote the distinctive Catholic identity and ethos of the Centre. St Elizabeth's is a long established charity, (which

has a school for 5-19 year olds; a College for 18-25 year olds and a Registered Children's Home and Care Home with Nursing for Adults), providing education, care and medical support on a 52-week basis of up to 200 people of all ages with learning disabilities and other complex medical needs, often caused or complicated by severe epilepsy and/or autism. To apply and to find out more information about St Elizabeth's, please visit our website: www.stelizabeths.org.uk or email recruitment@stelizabeths.org.uk.




The Assumptionist General House is in Rome. This is the home of Fr General and his assistants, the archives of the Congregation and students in theology. In Florence there is a residence where young people are welcome to experience community life.



AMORIS LAETITIA THE JOY OF LOVE 226 *Passionate Love - The world of emotions* My being attracted to someone is not automatically good. If my attraction to that person makes me try to dominate him or her, then my feeling only serves my selfishness.



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 |