



CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

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29th May 2021 – 5th June 2021 – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - 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.

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. We are starting the 6pm Mass from Saturday 29th May. This will be livestreamed also.

Readings: Deut 4:32-34.39-40, Rom 8:14-17, Matt 28:16-

Psalm: **Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

Next week: Ex 24:3-8, Heb 9:11-15, Mark 14:12-16.22-26

Ramblings One of the first things we are taught about God is that God is Love. Love is of the essence of God who is the source of all love. Yet, when asked what Love is, do we ever begin by thinking that the Trinity is the best expression and offers the best understanding of love? We believe God is a community of three – Father, Son and Spirit. So is Love. Love is a community. The subject, the object and the interaction that brings them together, surrounds them and nurtures the relationship between them while emanating from them. Jesus came to live among us so that we could feel, experience and interact with God's love first hand. Jesus is the greatest expression of the love the Father could show us, and the Spirit binds and nurtures that love we have with him and with each other. In all the celebrations beginning with Advent through Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost, the powerful and underlying theme is LOVE. The Love of God for us evokes and deepens our love for God and for each other and is brought about by the power of the Spirit. *"God is love,"* scripture says, *"and whoever abides in love abides in God and God abides in him or her."* On reflection, love underlined and ran through the whole time of the Pandemic: Love for our families, for the sick, for those who have tragically died. Love has driven our selfless support of those in need, expressed so generously by the NHS. The suffering of those forced into isolation, cut off from family and the community has taught us the value and need we have for each other. To all those we have supported and helped, we owe a deep debt of gratitude for bringing out the best in us and revealing the power of love we have within. All this and much more, the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Spirit - celebrate with us this day and every day.

Mass attendance over the past week *livestream

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
25	82/18*	22	36	25	19	21

Diary Dates

Sat 29 May
6pm Mass anticipating Sunday This is now reintroduced.
Sun 30 May – Sat 5 June
10am Mass in the church.
Tue 1 June
7pm Reflecting on next Sunday's Scripture in place of our Eucharistic service we used to have we are currently meeting on Zoom to reflect on the readings for the following Sunday. If you would like to join our group please email Trish and she will send you the Zoom details. The format is reading following by personal time for prayer and reflection with a background of music.
Wed 2 June
6pm – Feed Up Warm Up – Scout Hall
Sat 5 June
6pm Mass anticipating Sunday
Sun 6 June
8.30am Mass reintroduced
10.30 am Mass reintroduced

Welcome, Stay, Pray, Worship & be Safe
From 5th June times will be as follows

Sundays Mass 8.30am and 10.30am

Monday-Saturday Mass 10am

Saturdays Anticipated Mass 6pm

Saturdays 10.30am – 11.15am Confession and Adoration (Confession in Doris Harris room or garden)

We still need stewards at 6pm Mass and readers, Eucharistic ministers and cleaners at all the Masses so if you have not already volunteered please let Trish know asap as it is not really fair on a small group of people to have to fill all the roles week after week if other people are attending. Training is available for all roles. Thank you in anticipation of your offers of help!

PLEASE READ THIS! WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP! It cannot be denied that food keeps body and soul together. During lockdown, we have had the wonderful benefit of being able to listen to the daily online masses and sermons given to us by our priests. I think that our priests must have greatly missed seeing us in person, just as we have missed being able to see them! Before the pandemic our priests were so grateful to the small group of parishioners who were providing a Sunday lunch for them every week since Father Michael's death, up until the beginning of lockdown last March. Now that we will be having more Sunday masses, Father Tom has actually asked for the group to be reinstated



The problem is, that the group was small and we need many more volunteers to offer their help.

It could be as simple as providing a meal from your freezer that the priests just need to reheat themselves.

Please, please would you consider volunteering for this act of giving? It is actually for a much more worthy cause than you might imagine. Please let me know by email, text or phone ASAP if you are able to help and I will draw up a rota. Many hands make light work. We are hoping to get at least 25 volunteers!

Thank you in anticipation!

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Terracycle recycling funds raised for charity 1st Nov 2020-30th Apr 2021: **Total = £ 1846.85**



Biscuit&Cakes/Bread/ R&B Homecare:

£65.85 (Parish hardship Fund)

Tassimo/Kenco/L'Or : £ 1500.00 (PHASE)

Pens /Colgate: £52.00 (Herts. Homeless Help / Sanctuary)

Pringles /Crisps /Pet food: £229.00 (Marine Conservation Society)

This is a wonderful amount of money raised for good causes and waste not gone into landfill. Please keep it up.

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Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew Church - Hitchin with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 5,400 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today. Click [Easy Fundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/)

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Novena May 29th – June 5th Saint Joan of Arc, patroness of France, you were filled with the Holy Spirit and chosen by God to fight against evil. Help us by asking for an end to the evils of the current pandemic and for the successful distribution of the vaccines across the world so as to reduce the loss of life particularly in India. St Joan, grant us by your powerful intercession, the courage and strength we need to endure this constant fight and help us be victorious in the tasks God presents to us. Saint Joan of Arc, pious daughter of the Church: Pray for us.



The most prolific mission in the Congo was started by our Belgian Fathers. Today it is the most prolific area with Study houses, novitates and parishes. Very few of our other communities worldwide do not have at least one Congolese member. In fact there are at least 75 living outside their country helping to promote the Kingdom of God in various apostolates.



AMORIS LAETITIA THE JOY OF LOVE 232 *Passionate Love - God loves the joy of his children*

Married couples likewise respond to God's will when they take up the biblical injunction: 'Be joyful in the day of prosperity' (Eco 7:14)

Safeguarding reminder EduCare (now part of Tes) leaflets can be downloaded from our website at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/diocese/safeguarding-in-our-parishes/>



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