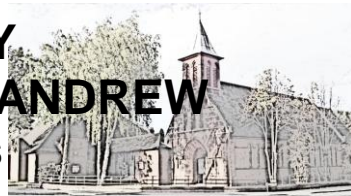


CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS

(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am

Monday – Saturday 10am

Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am

during Exposition. All Masses are
livestreamed [Livestream Mass](#)

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5th June – 12th June 2021 – CORPUS CHRISTI - 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 It is not for some arbitrary reason that we celebrate Corpus Christi only after living through the birth, life, death, resurrection, Pentecost and honouring God as Trinity. We need to live these experiences to better appreciate the importance of this feast. The common theme through all these experiences is life: the life of God, the life of Jesus, and our life. The commitment to God by the Hebrews with Moses was a life commitment, a commitment that gave them an identity as Israelites. Our commitment to Christ is also a life commitment to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - once baptised, always baptised. However much we may turn away from God, even deny God's existence, the grace of baptism remains ever present in our lives. God's commitment to us is not just a life commitment it is a commitment for ever. Our relationship with God is best expressed in today's feast. In the eucharist we renew our commitment to God and God renews his commitment to us through Jesus' gift of himself in his body and blood. It reminds us that our relationship and commitment to God is both personal and communal. Jesus lived his active life in community from the beginning but took the time necessary to be alone in prayer. He did not spend his life among the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees debating theology but lived and moved among the people engaging with them, experiencing their lives and the issues they faced first hand. He offered guidance, support and the reassurance of the love of God that inspired faith and loyalty and promoted hope. He spoke with love. Corpus Christi is our opportunity of truly celebrating that love with grateful thanks and praise.

*Yea, beneath these signs are hidden
glorious things to sight forbidden:*

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

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Psalm: The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

Intercession: Lord in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer

Next week: : Ez 17:22-24, Cor 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34

look not on the outward sign.

*Wine is poured and Bread is broken,
but in either sacred token*

Christ is here by power divine. (sequence)



Diary Dates

Mon 7 June – Sat 12 June

10am Mass in the church.

Sunday 6 June

The healing Ministry team will once again be praying at home for an hour for the needs of all those we have been asked to pray for. We very much hope that we will be able to hold the September service in the church, God willing. If you have a need for prayer for yourself or someone else, in need of God's healing power, please let me know the names and I will circulate these to the healing ministry team.

Tues 8 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 9 June

6pm – Feed Up Warm Up – Scout Hall

Fri 11 June

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

From this Saturday we have Exposition following Mass on Saturday morning and confessions, 6pm Mass anticipating Sunday and on Sunday morning 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. No booking required. We look forward to seeing you.

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Starting next weekend we have a series of First Communion Masses for our children. Please keep them in your prayers at this time.

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If you are in need of a home visit for the sacraments of the sick, reconciliation or the Eucharist, again, please let me know and I can make arrangements with either Fr Tom, Fr Euloge or a Eucharist minister to visit.

Other items

Oliver's Land's End to John O' Groats (LEJOG) - 27th June to the 10th July [Click here to donate](#)

Ollie has spent some time over the past year praying in our church and helping with the garden. If you want to help him on this worthy journey please do donate.



Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology Courses

19th June, 10am - 4pm Children's Spirituality led by Dr Sue Price This is part of the CCRS study programme – people are welcome to join us for the day to be introduced to some of the current research and ways of supporting Children's Spirituality. Especially suitable for those working in schools, parishes or hospital chaplaincies. Cost: £20

3rd July, 9am–1pm Workshop: Ageing and Spirituality (2) led by Dr Christine Lai. Join us to consider how ageing can be a process of spiritual growth. Cost: £45 (CTF/ARU/CU students: £20) Please email mbitadm@hermes.cam.ac.uk to book onto any of the above events. Invoices and zoom links will be sent out a few days beforehand.

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Arts & Crafts fair at St Mark's on Sunday 15 August from 1pm.

St Mark's is hosting a fair for our local artists, woodturners, knitters, card makers etc to sell their works of art, or bring along antiques, bric-a-brac, collectables etc to sell.



Fr d'Alzon, founder of the Assumptionists, left us a short book known as the Directory. Its three sections cover, the Assumptionist Spirit, the virtues and the means of becoming holy. Over the next weeks we will discover what this little book has to offer as in it Fr d'Alzon goes straight to the principles which govern religious life as he understood it.



AMORIS LAETITIA THE JOY OF LOVE 234 *Passionate Love - God loves the joy of his children*
What is important is to have the freedom to realise that pleasure can find different expressions at different times of life, in accordance with the needs of mutual love.

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

Tables are £10, but churches/charities are free of charge. Anyone is welcome to rent or share a table, but they are limited so book early.
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