



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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19th June – 26th June – 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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: Job 3:1-8-11, 2 Cor 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Psalm: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever. Alleluia!

Intercession: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us!

Next week: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24, Cor 8:7-9.13-15, Mk 5:21-43

Ramblings Last week we heard about seeds, bushes and trees. This week we are called to reflect on the power of the wind and the sea. Coincidentally, the G7 met by the sea in Cornwall. It may have influenced the leaders to commit to radically reducing the use of fossil fuels and invest in and promote greener energy. In two weeks, we celebrate London Climate Action Week in which the Government will be challenged **NOT** to decrease its Overseas Aid. Laudato Si calls us not only to live more simply, do everything to help and heal creation but simultaneously asks us to provide the help and support needed by the poorer nations.

An old man walked along a beautiful beach every morning. One Sunday, he went to sea-shore for his usual walk and found thousands of starfish washed up on the shore. The beach was littered with starfish as far as the eye could see. Off in the distance, the old man noticed a little girl approaching. As the girl walked, she paused every so often. When she came closer, the old man saw her bend down, pick up an object and throw it into the sea. As the little girl approached the old man called out, "Good morning little princess!!! May I ask what you are doing?" The little girl replied, "Throwing starfish into the sea." And threw back another starfish. "But, why are you doing this?", asked the old man. The girl replied, "The tide has washed them onto the beach and they can't return to the sea by themselves. When the sun gets high, they will die, unless I throw them back into the water." The old man said "But, little girl, don't you realize there's miles of beach all covered with starfish? There are thousands of them on this beach. I'm afraid you won't really make much difference!" The girl bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it as far as she could into the ocean.

Turning towards the old man, she gave a sweet smile and said, **"It's made a difference to that one!"**

Diary Dates

Sun 20 June – Sat 26 June

10am Mass in the church.

Wed 23 June

6pm – Feed Up Warm Up – Scout Hall

Recruitment of support for our ministries

Many people have taken the break from their ministries due to the pandemic as a sign that it is time to retire gracefully from those ministries and we are grateful for all they have done in the past. However we still do need help in many areas to keep our church functioning. Training is provided for all ministries.

Your help is needed in the following areas:

- **Reading at Mass** at 6pm, 8.30am, 10.30am and if we want to reintroduce 5pm Mass we need readers for that one too. If you are interested in helping with this can you let Trish know when is your best availability for a training session.
- **Eucharistic Minister at all Sunday Masses** including at 5pm if we are able to offer this.
- **Catechists for the Confirmation programme** this will not be starting for a while but Rob needs to build up a team to support this programme. All you require is a willingness to share faith with young people.
- **Youth team members** Rob is now looking to develop the youth ministry in the parish and will need the support of our parishioners to do this. No age limit for this ministry as long as you are willing to engage with young people and support them in their spiritual growth in our

parish. Parents of young people in the parish are particularly welcome!!

For all the above roles please contact Trish in the first instance at trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk or on 07801 752141.

Other items

**Services for Young People
Summer Holiday Activity Programme 2021**

Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People provides free youth work projects, information, advice, guidance, work related learning and wider support for young people
www.servicesforyoungpeople.org



Exciting free and local opportunities for young people aged 12-16 during the Summer school holidays

- Fun and informal workshops to help with a healthy physical and emotional lifestyle
- Free lunch / food
- Physical activities such as: Sports, Dance and Games
- Meet and socialise with other young people

Contact Us

Email: SfYP.northherts@hertfordshire.gov.uk
 Call: 01438 843340 Text: 07860 065178

Please visit [BeHAPPY - practicalresources - Herts Sports Partnership \(sportinherts.org.uk\)](http://BeHAPPY-practicalresources-HertsSportsPartnership(sportinherts.org.uk)) for details of other organisations delivering activities at Easter

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Services for
Young People

Sponsored Swim for Feed Up Warm Up and Wood Green Parishioner Grace Wills (Daughter

of Liz who is the project manager of FUWU) has organised a sponsored event to raise funds for two worthy causes. Please do consider sponsoring her at <https://gofund.me/a5403019>

Would you like to be a Hitchin Hero, raise money and have fun celebrating the Olympics?!



This summer, **Phase Hitchin** is hosting the Hitchin Home Olympics, a fun and exciting virtual challenge for the whole community to get involved with. As we watch the athletes in Japan run, throw, cycle, swim and jump their way to glory, you can take part as well; have fun, raise money, and change lives. PHASE would be delighted if you could support them in this. For more details click here [Hitchin Home Olympics](https://www.hitchinhomeolympics.co.uk)



Collections in churches during this year's **Christian Aid Week** (9 to 16 May), came to a total, including gift aid, of £2,793.61. To this figure can be added an unknown amount from church members and others in Hitchin who donated online via the Christian Aid website or a Facebook page.

Helen Richardson, the Hitchin and Villages Organiser, expresses her thanks to everyone for such a generous result in this 75th year of Christian Aid's work. She reminds us that, if we missed out on giving during the Week itself, we can still do so through its website - www.christianaid.org.uk - as the work with the poorest of the poor, especially those suffering from the results of climate change, continues all year round.

Fr d'Alzon gives four points as part of the love of our Lord a) Adoration of the Holy Trinity b) Constant awareness of the presence of God. c) Study of the life of Jesus as man so that I may be of one mind with Him. d) Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, in which Jesus true God and true man is always with us.



AMORIS LAETITIA THE JOY OF LOVE 236 *Passionate Love - The erotic dimension of love*
 All this brings us to the sexual dimension of marriage. God himself created sexuality, which is a marvellous gift to his creatures.

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