



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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3rd July – 10th July 2021 – 14th 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: Ezek 2:2-5, 2 Cor 12:7-10, Mark 6:1

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Psalm: **Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.**

Intercession: We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord hear us!

Next week: Amos 7:12-15, Eph 1:3-14, Mark 6:7-13

Ramblings Ezekiel was asked to go and preach to the Israelites a people who had rejected God, not an easy task. Paul reminds us that God works best in us when we are weak. While Jesus shows us that familiarity breeds contempt finding that the people he grew up with could not accept him as one sent by God. It suggests that more often than not we will find God in the most unlikely of places, particularly in those places we least expect. God is closer to us than we ever realise, probably in the people closest to us. We have to be open to that presence for it to have an influence on us. Letting God work in or through us is not easy because we dislike feeling weak especially when we are challenged to do something difficult or personally hard or apparently impossible as was Ezekiel. We often take the world for granted. Pope Francis in *Laudato Si*: If someone has not stopped and admired something beautiful, we should not be surprised if he or she treats everything as an object to be used and abused without scruple. If we want to bring about deep change, we need to realize that certain mind-sets really want to influence our behaviour. Our efforts at education will be inadequate and ineffectual unless we strive to promote a new way of thinking about human beings, life, society and our relationship with nature. Otherwise, the paradigm of consumerism will continue to advance, with the help of the media and the highly effective workings of the market.

Diary Dates

Sun 4 July – Sat 10 July

10am Mass in the church.

Wed 7 July

6pm – Feed Up Warm Up – Scout Hall

Contactless in the Parish



From this weekend we will have contactless giving device in our Parish church. Contactless payments are touch-free with no need to type in your pin or hand over your card. Simply touch your card, smart phone or smart watch to the reader, listen for the beep, and your payment is done.

If you would prefer to use your pin, you can also insert your card

into the payment device and enter your pin to make a payment.

We have set some amounts that you might like to give, but by tapping 'Other' you can choose the amount that you give.

Donations made via your contactless giving device go straight to the Parish.

The gardening team plan to restart gardening sessions on Saturday 10th July and would be delighted to welcome any new members, especially as there is much to do following the lack of attention we have been able to give the gardens over the last year or so, due to Covid implications. The outline timing is 9am - 12pm with a sociable tea and coffee break mid-morning, but volunteers are very welcome to join in whenever they can make it during the session.



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Our Lady Primary School

Prayer Book The whole school community has contributed to a prayer book created by the Chaplaincy Team. If you would like to purchase one please do so via the parish office.

£3 for one prayer book £5 for two prayer books
All money raised from the prayer books will go towards the new prayer garden.

Recruitment of support for our ministries

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.

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Party in the Square is being organised by the Zeo church this year on Sunday, 12th September. We have been involved in the past and we are asking for ideas for a fun activity that Our Lady's could do which would entertain and let people know about us. If anyone has ideas please let Trish know. Better still let us know if you could help with the activity too!!!

Other items

The Hertfordshire Local Resilience Forum recently created a video about free rapid testing, aimed at 17-24 year olds in Hertfordshire in hope it will encourage them to get tested twice a week to help slow the spread of the virus. Click here [Free rapid covid testing](#)

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DEPUTY HEADTEACHER: Leader of learning, pedagogy and staff development

Required for January 2022 Salary: L7 to L11 Full time Group 3 NOR 456

The Governing Body of St Vincent de Paul School are seeking to appoint an inspirational, innovative and ambitious Deputy Headteacher to work in partnership with colleagues across the school to translate our ambitious vision into a daily reality.

Closing Date: Fri 17th September 2021 (noon)

Further information and an application pack is available from the following link:

[Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - Deputy Headteacher \(teachinherts.com\)](https://www.teachinherts.com/)

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Inter faith relations and election campaigning

The Co-Chairs and the Moderators of IFN's Faith Communities Forum have this morning issued the statement below. This can also be found at <https://www.interfaith.org.uk/news/statement-from-ifn-co-chairs-and-fcf-moderators-inter-faith-relations-and-election-campaigning>.

The Notes to the statement include reference to the work of North Kirklees Interfaith in the context of the Batley and Spen by-election - an illustration of the kind of important local inter faith response highlighted in the statement.



In his gentle courtes as one capable of Jesus has given us His mother as both model and mother. She is my mother; I must place in her a tender loving confidence. She is my model; I must strive to imitate her as much as I am capable of imitating the Queen of heaven and earth.



AMORIS LAETITIA THE JOY OF LOVE 238 *Passionate Love - The erotic dimension of love*

Human persons are 'called to full and mature spontaneity in their relationships', a maturity that 'is the gradual fruit of a discernment of the impulses of one's own heart'. Id. Catechesis (12 November 1980), 4:Insegnamenti 111/2(1980),1133. . St. John Paul 11

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