



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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10th July – 17th July 2021 – 15th 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: Amos 7:12-15, Eph 1:3-14, Mark 6:7-13

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.
Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Intercession: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us!

Next week: Jer 23:1-6, Eph 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34

Ramblings The God of Glory (Ephesians 1:3-14)

How blessed is God! And what a blessing God is! God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, offers us blessings in all sorts of ways. Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, chose us to be the focus of his love, desired us to be made whole and holy through his love. Long, long ago he adopted us into his family through Jesus Christ. (*What pleasure he took in planning this!*) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving through the loving hands of his beloved Son.

Because of the sacrifice of Jesus pouring out his blood on the altar of the Cross, we are all free — free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just *barely* free, either, but **abundantly** free! He thought of everything and provided for everything we could possibly need. He let us in on the plans that he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ; a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in the heavens, everything on the earth.

It is in Christ that we discover who we are and why we are here. Long before we ever heard of Christ, God had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose being fulfilled in everything and everyone.

It is in Christ that, once you heard the truth and believed it (*the Message of our salvation*), you found yourselves home free — signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. This down payment from God is the first instalment on what is coming, a reminder that we will receive everything God has planned for us - a life that offers praise and glory to God.

Diary Dates

Sun 11 July – Sat 17 July

10am Mass in the church

Sun 11 July

12pm Baptism of Santiago Solitro

Wed 14 July

6pm – Feed Up Warm Up – Scout Hall

Thurs 15 July St Bonaventure

Fri 16 July

10.30am Deep Cleaning church – if you can give even 30 mins to help wash pews, mop floors and vacuum please let Trish know asap.

Sat 17 July

11.30am Memorial Service for Oonagh Trumble

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1pm Wedding of Rebecca Croysdill & Luke Dutton



STELLA MARIS

Today is **Sea Sunday**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. The Assumptionists have had strong connections with Stella Maris and Fr Andrew is very keen on supporting this worthy charity.

Today we appeal for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday.

This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give

generously. Thank you.

if you can spot Trish!!

New look website



The Communications department have updated the microwebsite design for the Diocese. It will require some updating as a result which will take a little while as we work out what we can do and how we can do it. You can still access information but you may have to look for it in a slightly different way. If you have any problems finding what you are needing please let Trish know.


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Other items

Trish had a wonderful time at Wintershall in her role as Mary Magdalene taking groups of children from schools and adults around the parables of the Good Samaritan, Prodigal Son, The Sower, The Lost Sheep and the 5 wise and foolish bridesmaids. Over the week about 3000 children and 600 adults walked this experience. We were blessed with only one shower of rain the entire week despite threatening forecasts. Trish was particularly excited when she spotted a parishioner in her group on the Saturday and also members of the Diocesan Evangelisation Team including Fr Chris Vipers. See pictures here. See



For more details of all events at Wintershall go to <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/>

 We love the Church because Christ has loved her. Our love of the Church broadens our love of Christ to the dimensions of the whole world. Father d'Alzon insisted that we be deeply attached and totally dedicated to the Church.



AMORIS LAETITIA THE JOY OF LOVE 239 *Passionate Love - The erotic dimension of love*
Every human person 'must learn, with perseverance and consistency, the meaning of his or her body. 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