

# 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](#)

## Newsletter No 1954

31<sup>st</sup> July - 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021– 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

**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:** Ex 16:2-4, Eph 4:17.20-24, John 6:24-35

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Psalm:** **The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

**Intercession:** Lord hear us

**Response:** Lord graciously hear us!

**Next week:** Kings 19:4-8, Eph 4:30-5:2, John 6:41-51

**Ramblings** We pick up the theme of Jesus, the Bread of Life. Jesus gives himself to us completely, body and blood, heart and soul. Thus, Christ becomes fully part of our life – body, mind and soul. With ordinary food and drink, we inevitably become hungry again. The presence of Jesus in our lives inspires us to reach out to others in need, share fully in the joys and sorrows of family life and in the life of others. Love, goodness, hope and trust abound in the process. Living this way, these gifts spill over into the lives of others and yet our capacity for all these gifts grows ever larger not less. However good the explanations, virtues are experienced, they are felt, and so, too, is God's presence. Giving ourselves away, we have always more to give. Becoming aware of God's presence, we discover God's presence everywhere! **Apollus**, a response to God's presence:

You made the sun and the moon and all this with Love. You put the stars in the heavens and the clouds high above.

I see the mountains so high they stand in your name. I see the birds in the sky. I hear them sing of your fame.

Man praises man for painting these things, yet it is because of God that every bird sings. Open your eyes and watch the dolphin dance upon the waves. Open your heart and know that our creator Jesus saves.

Watch a baby crawl. Hear a man laugh and sing. See a mother's tears of anguish and know that life is not a simple thing. To laugh, to cry, to feel, to see. I am truly amazed just to be.

To hear, to touch, to breathe, to sigh; a walking miracle from the one on high. As you live your lives no matter where, dancing or crying, always be aware. It's better to have lived than not at all, for this is your chance to hear the Masters call.

## Diary Dates

Sun 1 Aug – Sat 7 Aug
10am Mass in the church
<b>Tue 3 Aug</b> No Eucharistic service tonight
<b>Wed 4 Aug St John Vianney</b>
6pm – Feed Up Warm Up – Scout Hall
<b>Fri 6 Aug</b> Transfiguration of the Lord

**From 6pm Mass tomorrow on 31<sup>st</sup> July** the congregation will come out for communion. Starting from the front row to the back you will come out into the centre aisle and go up to the altar to receive communion (**in the hand only**) and then return back to your pew via the far walls. The area around the font will come up for communion after the two big banks of pews have finished. Initially the stewards will help with this movement until everyone is in the routine.

We also need to continue with the **track and trace system** so you are still required to use the QR code on the NHS app or sign in on the sheets for weekday Mass or be ticked off by the stewards for weekend Masses.

## Other items of interest

**School volunteer coordinator needed (volunteer position)** CAFOD Westminster is looking for a well-organised and friendly person to help coordinate their school visits programme from September. This role would suit someone who is comfortable speaking to other volunteers and schools and also in using spreadsheets and databases. If you are interested in either of these volunteer roles, please contact Chris Driscoll at [westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk) or call 07776 493162.



Since the publication of *Laudato Si* (2015) and with the new focus on COP26, the diocesan curia has been working more keenly to move towards carbon neutrality.

Moving towards carbon neutrality is part of the mission of the Church in the world. **The Diocese is committed to do its utmost to become carbon neutral by 2030** for details click below [Carbon Neutrality](#)

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A group of young Christians (18-30s) are organising a Relay, walking from the G7 in Cornwall (13th June) to COP26 in Glasgow (1st November) for climate justice. People are joining the Relay from thousands of different churches all along the route. Walkers can be of all ages but to be one of the leaders you have to be under 30!

\*The Relay reaches London on 2nd August and Hertfordshire on 10th August.\* There will be overnight stops in the parishes of Ashford, Twickenham, Muswell Hill, Borehamwood, Hemel Hempstead and Tring.

Two events are being hosted on behalf of the Diocese of Westminster in Central London on 6th August – a vegan lunch at Farm Street Church, Mayfair, at 1pm followed by a walk to Westminster Cathedral and an Ecumenical Climate Prayer Service at the Cathedral at

3.30pm.

\*Friday 6th August, 1-3.30pm : YCCN Climate Relay Lunch at Farm Street and Walk to Westminster\*\*Cathedral\* –

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/163375276851>

\*Friday 6th August, 3.30-4pm: Ecumenical Climate Prayer Service at Westminster Cathedral Welcoming the YCCN Relay\* –

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/163372454409>

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Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.



(Fr Emmanuel d'Alzon) My thoughts can never be far from the object of all my love. If I love Our Lord, my mind will continually turn toward Him. He is God, and so it will be as God that He will be ever present in my mind and heart.



**AMORIS LAETITIA THE JOY OF LOVE 242** *Passionate Love - The erotic dimension of love*

The erotic dimension of love is to be seen as a gift from God that enriches the relationship of the spouses.

**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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