



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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14th – 21st August 2021 – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 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.

Ramblings Our founder Emmanuel d'Alzon named the Congregation he founded the Augustinians of the Assumption. He acquired a school called Assumption College in Nimes and named his newly founded congregation after the Assumption, in 1845. This was well before the Assumption was declared a Dogma of the Church. Emmanuel added Augustine to our name because he adopted the rule of St Augustine known as the Rule of Love. It is with great joy and with a sense of high privilege that we celebrate the feast of the Assumption each year. What better friend and patron to have than Our Blessed Lady, Mary the Mother of God? As our model, she fills our souls with delight, lifts us up when we are feeling down, helps and cares for our wounds, and brings us back whenever we take a wrong turn. Mary is always there, always smiling, always exuding a warmth that reassures and comforts. Yet, she challenges and motivates us to do better, to be more trusting in her Son, more courageous in our actions; more loyal, more generous, more passionate in nurturing and spreading the kingdom of God. What a wonderful patron she is!! What is equally as important, however, is that, wonderful as she is for us, Mary offers you the same love, care and support. In our eyes, therefore, that makes you honorary Assumptionists.

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We need help in two different ways in the church on Saturday mornings.

① People to help set up the altar (known as MC) and help the priest where required at the Saturday morning 10am Mass. It is not an onerous task and there is a clear set of instructions as to what is required and training is provided. You just need to come at 9.30am to set up and you will be finished by

Readings: [Apoc 11:19,12:1-6.10](#), [Cor 15:20-26](#), [Lk 1:39-56](#)

Entrance Antiphon: Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, who today were exalted above the choirs of Angels into eternal triumph with Christ.

Psalm: **On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.**

Intercession: We pray to the Lord

Response: **Lord hear us!**

Next week: [Josh 24:1-2.15-18](#), [Eph 5:21-32](#), [John 6:60-69](#)

10.45am. If you are a regular attender at this Mass it would be good if you could help. If 4 people offered to help then it could be a monthly commitment.

② Now that more people are coming to the weekend Masses the church is definitely in need of a more traditional clean on a weekly basis. We will still continue with the fogging after each service and have teams of people for that but once a week we certainly need the church to be dusted & vacuumed and the pew floors mopped out and the church porch floor mopped - as it always used to be on Saturdays and Mondays. Initially it would be good if we could get teams of 2-3 people to do Saturday from 8.30-9.30 so it is ready for 10am Mass. Ideally we want 4-5 teams of people so every Saturday is covered and every team only needs to do once a month.

If you can help with either of these tasks once a month or more please let Trish know as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

Sun 15 Aug – Sat 21 Aug
10am Mass in the church
Tues 17 Aug
No Eucharistic service
Wed 18 Aug
6pm – Feed Up Warm Up – Scout Hall
Sat 21 Aug
2pm Baptism of Dermot Collis

Apologies to those of you who listen to the Mass on Soundcloud. The Masses for Saturday and Sunday this weekend will not be uploaded to soundcloud until Monday as there is no-one in the parish this weekend who can do it. It will still be available on the facebook link.

**Your
Help is
Needed**



Update on Sr Anne-Marie from the Mother house. Anne - Marie is not doing so well since she has gone through 2 bereavements: a sister

and a niece. This affected her very much. Then she fell and broke her neck of the femur. She had to be operated on at Redon hospital where she contracted COVID despite her vaccination. She was transferred to Rennes to Pôle St Hélier for rehabilitation where she began with isolation. I don't think the disease manifested in a complicated way, but not seeing anyone contributed to some loneliness. Having had no visits, she now finds it difficult to locate herself in reality and the confusion still prevails. There is a sister from Rennes who can now visit her.

If you want to write a card to Sr Anne-Marie please leave it in the office for Trish. It would be nice to include a photo of who you are in your card to help her remember.

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The Party in the Square is Sunday 12th

September. Don't forget to come to the open-air service at 11:30 - no masks required when you are singing! After the service, the party begins.

We have been asked if we can do a stall but Trish is away that Sunday so unless people have ideas of what our church could do and offers are made to run the activity we won't be able to have a stall. Please contact Trish by 22nd August if you have ideas and/or can help.



They also need some more volunteers to help on the BBQ, serve squash, man the inflatables, help at the prayer tent and clear up at the end (3:30). If you can help with this, please contact Phil details below. Also, don't forget to bake small cakes and bring them along, so that the team from St Faith's can give them away. Finally, there is a harvest stall for people to bring their excess produce which will be distributed through **Feed Up Warm Up**.

And pray for the sun to shine!

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Vaccination thanksgiving, Sunday 19th September, 5.00 to 6.00 pm in St Mary's

The Rev Charmaine Sabey-Corkindale, who many of you will remember from her ministry at St Mary's and St Faith's, is arranging a 'Thank You' to all the staff and volunteers of the Vaccine Roll Out in Hitchin. From her own experience as a volunteer, she wants as many of us as possible to join in expressing appreciation and to hear from those who were part of the Roll Out. She tells us that it will be a great occasion with plenty of good hymns and music! Do come along yourself and bring others with you.

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Provide additional funding for redistributing surplus food
To help the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee call on the Government to provide ongoing funding to redistribute surplus food from the charitable and social food banks to food aid providers, to June the Government and more money to other food banks. This petition is open.

For details of a petition to ask the government to provide additional funding for redistributing surplus food and preventing food waste go to [Justice & Peace petitions](https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/244444)



(Fr Emmanuel d'Alzon) All that Jesus did on earth was for our instruction. There is not an instance in our life which cannot be related to His divine life, each detail of which teaches His followers how they should live. There is no word, no request, no emotion which we cannot sanctify by uniting them with those of Christ.



AMORIS LAETITIA THE JOY OF LOVE 243 *Passionate Love - Marriage and virginity*

Many unmarried people are devoted to their own family and render great service in their group of friends, in the Church community and in their professional lives. Sometimes their presence and contributions are overlooked, causing in them a sense of isolation." Relatio Finalis 2015, 22.

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