



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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13th November – 20th November 2021 – 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Prayer for COP26 Loving God, we praise your name with all you have created. Present in the whole universe and in the smallest creature, we acknowledge the responsibility we have as stewards of your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire political leaders at COP26 to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of our Common Home. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

Readings : Dan 12:1-13, Heb 10:11-14.18, Mk 13:24-32

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Psalm: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Intercession: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us!

Next Week: Dan 7:13-14, Apoc 1:5-8, John 18:33-37

Ramblings Listening to Daniel and Jesus, as we face the total collapse of our natural world, their words are not just metaphorical or speaking of a distant time in the future. We have cause to be really worried, now. Made in the image of God we possess the power to forgive even those who have been utterly cruel, even brutal towards us as Jesus did from the cross. As the author of creation God also gave his creation the power to forgive and, fortunately, it is a much more forgiving creation than we are. All the efforts we make now to heal creation will be key to our future and the future of those who come after us. Let us do this out of love, not fall into a state of hopelessness or despair or just give up. Let us reach out to creation out of love. It is better to die loving creation, whatever its future may be, than to die loveless and forsaken.

Be encouraged by Enya's song of hope:

May it be an evening star shines down upon you.
May it be when darkness falls your heart will be true.

You walk a lonely road.

Oh, how far you are from home.

Darkness has come, believe and you will find your way.

Darkness has fallen, a promise lives within you now.

May it be the shadow's call will fly away.
May it be your journey on to light the day.
When the night is overcome, you may rise to find the sun.

Darkness has come, believe and you will find your way.

Darkness has fallen, a promise lives within you now.

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it.

Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures.

Help us to become instruments of a new creation, Founded on the covenant of your love.

The Cry of the Earth

Dates

Sun 14 Nov

2pm Baptism Zia Charlise Sobrevega Mayo

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5pm Our In Memoriam service for those in our parish who have died in the past year We welcome all parishioners to this service where we read out the names of those who have died since our last service and prayer for all those we have loved and who have died.

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6.30pm-7.30pm Hitchin Theological Society

The theme is 'The pursuit of happiness' and a panel of speakers will explore this from Christian and Buddhist perspectives. All are welcome to be part of this monthly space when we think together about the place of faith in God in the challenges of 21st century life.

Mon 15 Nov

2.30pm One World Group AGM – Scout Hall

Tues 16 Nov

10.30am Coffee Morning after Mass – Hall. All welcome

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11.30am Meditation – EC Meeting Room

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2pm Craft Circle – Scout Hall

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6.45pm – FHC Session 3 Parents Only - Hall



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Tues 16 Nov cont

7pm Eucharistic Service – Please join us to consider the readings for next Sunday and share communion. Click on [Eucharistic Service](#) to join via Zoom

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7.50pm Choir practice in the church

Wed 17 Nov

9.30am Rosary before Mass in the church.

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10am - Mass for the deceased members of the UCM Hitchin Group. This will be followed by Tea/Coffee in café Elite.

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6pm – Feed Up Warm Up – Scout Hall

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7.30pm-9pm RCIA EC Meeting Room

Thurs 18 Nov

6.30pm – Meditation – EC Meeting Room

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7.30pm-9pm North Herts Interfaith Forum AGM in our church. This will also be livestreamed.

Fri 19 Nov

2-4pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall

Sat 20 Nov

1-3pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall



The **Synodal Pathway** sharings will have a number of different events beginning on 24th November. **Can you please sign up on the sheets in the porch** so we have an idea of

numbers for each session.

The sessions are as follows:

3 sessions with different themes on three consecutive Saturdays and Sundays after the Mass.

Sat 27th November Session 1 6.45 – 8.15pm

Sat 4th December Session 2 “

Sat 11th December Session 3 “

Sun 28th November Session 1 9.15 – 10.45am

Sun 5th December Session 2 “

Sun 12th December Session 3 “

Sun 28th November Session 1 11.30am – 1pm

Sun 5th December Session 2 “

Sun 12th December Session 3 “

Other sharing opportunities in the hall

Wed 24th November 7pm-8.30pm

Mon 6th December 10.45am-12.15pm

Other sharing opportunities online

Wed 1st December 7pm-8.30pm

Tues 7th December 11am-12.30pm

Anyone wishing for a **One-to-One session** in the parish or at your home should let Trish know and we will arrange this as soon as possible.

There is a special sheet **Share your thoughts** attached to the newsletter (or in the email)

This will help you in prayer and preparation for the session. We ask that you return this sheet to the red post box at the back of the church. What you write will contribute to our feedback to the Diocese.

We are really looking forward to listening to what you have to say.

The Diocese is offering other listening events which you are welcome to join also:

With Bishop Nicholas Hudson:

Eastern Area – Tuesday 30th November, 7-9pm at Commercial Road Parish, Lukin Street, London E1 OAA

Central Area – Wednesday 8th December, 7-9pm at Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London SW1P 1QJ

With Bishop John Sherrington:

Northern Area – Wednesday 1st December 7-9pm at Golders Green Parish, 700 Finchley Road, London NW11 7NE

With Cardinal Vincent Nichols:

Western Area - Thursday 2nd December 7-9pm at Ealing Abbey, Charlbury Grove, London W5 2DY

With Bishop Paul McAleenan:

Hertfordshire - Monday 29th November 7-9pm at Garston Parish, Crown Rise, Garston, Watford WD25 ONE

Booking is required for these Area Listening Events through catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

Online Listening Events:

Monday 15th November, 7-9pm – Zoom.

Register in advance for this meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91161111111>

Saturday 20th November, 10-12noon – Zoom

Register in advance for this meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91161111111>

The real sticking point that would determine whether this time in Glasgow is considered successful is the terms 'loss and Damage', the official terms are 'Adaptation and Mitigation'. In the simplest of terms this is like an insurance policy. Where there is damaged generally a payout is wanted. The developing world is currently experiencing the effects of Climate change. They want the richer nations to pay them compensation for their "Loss and Damage" that has been caused due to Climate change. The contention is of course that the richer nations have not provided the funds; the situation has intensified and the developing world's situation has not improved in fact the opposite it has deteriorated significantly. As a consequence, people are being left behind because they are unable to mitigate and adapt to the constant evolution of the planet.

The negotiation process is favoured by the richer nations because negotiations happen all round the clock and all through the night. They do not have sessions; negotiators come with an agenda some things are negotiable and others are not. Each nation sends as many people as possible the greater the number of delegates the more influence the nation will have over proceedings. This is because nations will be able to have representation in a larger number of negotiations as all the negotiations happen simultaneously this also allows delegates to divide the time between each other to enable them to refresh and sleep. This obviously is not as effective if you do not have the luxury of having a large team of negotiators. This is where organisations like CAFOD play their part because they have the

opportunity to converse with negotiators to voice the concerns of the developing world.


At the end of the negotiations a document will be produced each nation votes whether to agree to what has been negotiated, the document is not legally binding they are guidance meaning nations can interpret them to fit the country's situation. The exception is the 'Paris Climate Agreement 2015.' This is the only legal binding document on Climate change. If one nation votes against the proposals then the whole process collapses.


The Vatican delegation has a strong influence in the negotiations particularly in those countries that are strongly Catholic. An example of this is when the time came to vote on the proposals put forward during the Paris Climate conference in 2015 it was thought that Nicaragua would vote against the proposal meaning the process would have collapsed. The Vatican delegation conversed sternly with Nicaragua to convince them to vote in favour. They did vote in favour and the agreement was passed.

I think generally there is a lot of positivity to take from Glasgow but also recognition of the fact that there is still a very long way to go; which may be perceived as a daunting task. We need to keep the pressure on those who have the power to bring real change but also continue to do the things that we are able to do at grassroots level.


Neil Thorns CAFOD's Director of Advocacy talks about what is next at

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/Last-days-of-COP26>

 **Focus on past parish Priests** Fr Hilary Carter was parish priest from 1973 to 1981. It was during that time that the old presbytery and hall were demolished and replaced by our present church. The church was consecrated by Cardinal Hume.

 **AMORIS LAETITIA THE JOY OF LOVE 257** *THE TRANSFORMATION OF LOVE* Love 'is a single reality, but with different dimensions; at different times, one or other dimension may emerge more clearly.'" Benedict XVI, Encyclical Letter Deus Caritas Est (25 December 2005), 8:AAS98 (2006), 224.

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