



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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30th April – 7th May 2022 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

Prayer for Ukraine: God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine; for peace and the laying down of weapons. Give comfort to those who fear for tomorrow. Grant wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide those who have power over war and peace. Hold and protect your precious children, at risk and in fear. We pray in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace. Amen.

Readings Acts 5:27-32,40-41, Apoc 5:11-14, Jn 21:1-19

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me. Alleluia

Intercession: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us!

Next Week: Readings Acts 13:14,43-52, Apoc 7:9,14-17, Jn 10:27-30

Ramblings John's gospel is very clear that the risen Christ appeared in bodily form, telling us that he ate with his disciples. Jesus was not just an apparition but present in the flesh. Our difficulty is to believe that Jesus continues to appear to us in human flesh today. It cannot be repeated too often that we are made in God's image just as Jesus was. This same Jesus lives in us through Faith. To be bearers of the Good News, means to be bearers of Jesus Christ. The wise sages of the past tell us that we write a new page of the Gospel every day of our lives – sometimes well and sometimes not well at all. Jesus appears to overlook the fact the Peter denied knowing him three times, he still believed Peter would make a great leader of the Church and be a true bearer of Christ. Asking Peter three times if he loved him, Jesus did not need to hear Peter proclaim his undying love but wanted to give Peter the opportunity to express his love publicly for his own benefit and to strengthen his own faith. The Acts of the Apostles shows us clearly that he did not fail Jesus at the second time of asking and spoke fearlessly of all that Christ had done for our salvation while reprimanding the Jewish leaders for what they had done. This same Jesus has given us the same mission with the same trust today.

“Peter do you love me?” (For lack here was his sin.) He asked him once, he asked him twice, he asked him yet again.

“Lord you know I love you,” sincerely Peter said, then Jesus reconfirmed his call, by him sheep would be fed.

No matter how you've fallen, no matter how you've sinned, Christ can reconfirm the call and show Himself your friend. (Kevin Smead)

Prayer diary

Opportunities for communal prayer

- Tuesday** 11.30am **Meditation** Emmanuel Centre
7pm **Eucharistic Service** Church
To Zoom click on [Eucharistic Service](#)
 - Wednesday** 9.30am **Rosary** Church
 - Thursday** 6.30pm **Meditation** Emmanuel Centre
- All are welcome for private prayer at any time in the church which is open 8.30am - 7pm*

Diary Dates

Sun 1 May



Coffee Morning after Masses in aid of Our Lady's Special Support Group. Cakes and preserves will also be on sale.

Tues 3 May **Sts Philip & James**

10am Mass as usual. The Priests are now here for Mass and not away as announced previously

10.30am **Coffee Morning** Hall

7pm **Confirmation Session** 9 Hall

7pm **Scouts** Scout Hall

Wed 4 May **The English Martyrs**

6pm **Feed Up Warm Up** Scout Hall

7pm **RCIA**

Thurs 5 May

Polling Station All Day - Hall

Fri 6 May

2-4pm **Hitchin Pantry** Scout Hall

Sat 7 May

10am **FHC Prep Non Faith Schools** Hall

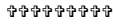
1-3pm **Hitchin Pantry** Scout Hall

Many thanks to all those who supported last week's OWLS coffee morning. £58 was raised for Cafod's Ukrainian Refugee appeal.



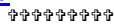
Thanks for all your donation of goods for the pantry, also plants for the roof of the container. Plants may be left beside the green container in the car park where they will be well looked after.

At present we need instant coffee, tea bags, detergent and pasta sauces. All these can be put in the large crate in the porch. We also need cheese, butter, bacon and sausages which should be brought to the Scout Hall on Friday or Saturday afternoon when the pantry will be open. Alternatively Pam Brannigan (01462 632587) can collect them from your home.



Diocese of Westminster Synodal Pathway Report. The Report now goes to the Bishops' Conference for England & Wales. Along with reports from the other dioceses, it will contribute to a national report, finalised in June, and then on to the Synod Office in the Vatican in July. The reports from this global exercise will then form the basis for preparatory documents for the Synod of Bishops and Church leaders in October 2023. The Report is on our parish website and is

also available on the diocesan website <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/westminster-diocese-bishops-synod-report/>

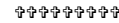


Wednesday 11th May 7.30pm: CTH Council at Our Lady's in

the church hall. The first Council meeting of the year will have one or two items of report but the main part of the evening will be an exploration of the theme 'Journeying Together'. This is a new opportunity to continue our *sharings together* but this time with our friends from other churches. We hope that many of our parishioners will join us whether or not you were involved with our original Synodal journey meetings.



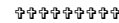
We pray for former parishioner Pat McArthur who died just after Easter. Her daughters Marion and Sarah have arranged her funeral in Bath on 9th May. Eternal rest give unto her, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



Whilst the decision has been taken to suspend second collections temporarily due to the pandemic, next Sunday (8 May) is Good Shepherd Sunday. The Priest's Training Fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic Priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our Diocese and 2 men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year, 4 men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the Priesthood to serve as our future Priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please take a donation envelope from the back of the Church and use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Other Dates

Sunday 8th May 7.30pm: Theological Society, St Mary's 'Doubt' Chris Bunce and Kate Middleton will speak and there will be opportunity for comments and questions from the audience, which incidentally continues to grow!



Beyond Coincidence a 6 week course which explores the relationship between God and science. The course will look at the various ways that God and science interact. 20-30 minute presentation followed by discussion. Dates: 11th May, 18th May, 25th May, 8th June, 15th June & 22nd June at Zeo Centre at 7:30pm. To register your free place go to [Beyond Coincidence](#)

Desire for perfection. Fr d'Alzon lived in the radiance of the love of Christ, Mary and the Church, from it, he drew clear and practical conclusions. Love seeks likeness. Our Lord, his Blessed Mother and the Church urge us continually to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect.

Amoris Laetitia the joy of love 281 *Love made fruitful - The love of a mother and a father* Children, once born, begin to receive, along with nourishment and care, the spiritual gift of knowing with certainty that they are loved.

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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