



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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4th – 11th June 2022 PENTECOST SUNDAY - 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 2:1-11, Rom 8:8-17, Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Psalm: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. Alleluia.

Intercession: We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord hear us!

Next Week: Readings: Prov 8:22-31, Rom 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

Ramblings People from all different nationalities heard the Apostles speaking in their language. The desire of every preacher is to be able to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ in a language that their listeners can understand, whatever their nationality, background or tradition. It is reassuring to know that the Spirit of Jesus lives in us and that we are his brothers and sisters.

Ronald Rolheiser *"We are living in the Spirit when, in our lives, there is "charity, joy, peace, patience, endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness, and chastity." (Gal 5) and permeate the Air around us. The Holy Spirit is classically defined as "the love between God and Christ, the Father and the Son." Meditating on this concept will lead to some understanding of what it means to live in the Spirit. The Father constantly creates and gives life, while the Son receives life from the Father and gives it back in gratitude. This then (as is true in all relationships wherein gift is received lovingly) makes it possible for the Father to give even more to the Son. In this flow of life, this giving and receiving, gratitude intensifies and an energy, a spirit, the Holy Spirit, is created. This Spirit, generated by gratitude, naturally is a Spirit of charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, mildness, faith, and chastity.*

The arms of God be around your shoulders, the touch of the Holy Spirit upon your head, the sign of Christ's cross upon your forehead, the sound of the Holy Spirit in your ears, the fragrance of the Holy Spirit in your nostrils, the vision of heaven's company in your eyes, the conversation of heaven's company on your lips, the work of God's church in your hands, the service of God and neighbour in your feet, a home for God in your heart, and to God, the Father of all, your entire being. Amen.

Diary Dates

Sun 5 June
 Coffee Morning in aid of The Live Simply Group after both Masses
Mon 6 June
6pm Beavers & 7.15pm Cubs Scout Hall
Tuesday 7 June
10.30am Coffee Morning Hall +++++
7pm Scouts Scout Hall +++++
7pm Confirmation Session 11 Hall
Wed 8 June
10.30am Praise Group Hall +++++
6pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hall +++++
7pm RCIA EC
Thurs 9 June
1pm Italian Club Hall +++++
6.30pm Brownies Scout Hall
Fri 10 June
2-4pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall
Sat 11 June
1-3pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall

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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



A Parishioner is looking for a supply of Jam Jars. If you can help it all, please bring them to the Parish Office. Many thanks.

It is now over two years since the pandemic began and we were prevented from attending Mass, leaving the Sunday celebrations empty. We were deprived of gathering together as a community. Our Synodal sharing revealed how much people missed the gathering together, the community worship and the social interaction after Mass.

People are now gradually returning to Mass as they feel more confident to be able to do so. Numbers of covid cases in our area is on a rapid decline. Because of the success of the vaccination programme, it is considered safe now to reintroduce the use of Holy Water in the church and also believe that the wearing of masks during Mass is entirely up to the individual. We believe the church is a safe and airy environment. We will still fog the church after all the Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. All of this is fully supported by the Bishops. The faith and graces of those present at Mass enables God to bless us in a special way and we become a blessing to those with us. Because we are stronger together, we lovingly and earnestly invite all parishioners who are able to return to Sunday Mass and communal worship.

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There will be First Holy Communion and Confirmation Cards on sale in the Hall after Masses on Sundays for the next three weeks.

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Please pray for all our **First Holy Communion** children as they take the next step on their journey of faith. The Masses are taking place at 2pm on 12th June; 19th June; 25th & 26th June.

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THE FRIENDS The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part-time Co-ordinator to administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment, based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House, is for

20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months, closing date **19th June 2022**. For further details please see [Friends Co-ordinator](#)

Other Dates


5th June 2022 World Environment Day (this year hosted by Sweden) - "Only One Earth" is the campaign slogan, with the focus on "Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature". <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/> and watch


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIPLOajR58>

As part of marking World Environment Day- please could you consider supporting the Traidcraft Exchange's letter to the Trade Secretary Anne-Marie Trevelyan ahead of many governments big trade meeting in Geneva between 12-16th June. To reflect the crisis we're in, we need Governments to agree to a 'climate waiver' - an agreement to free countries from certain trade rules in order to take climate action. Please sign this petition: <https://action.traidcraft.org.uk/stop-trade-blocking-climate-progress>


8th June 2022 World Oceans Day (UN) - Theme is "One Ocean, One Climate, One Future – Together" the 2022 Conservation Action Focus is: Protect at least 30% of our blue planet by 2030, see: <https://worldoceanday.org/take-action/conservation-action-focus/>

12th June 6.30 to 7.30 pm CTH Theological Society in St Mary's Church. Its theme, linked with the Platinum Jubilee and the role of the monarch, will be Defender of the Faith(s). The speakers will be the Rev Stephen Coleman, a canon lawyer, and the Rev Jane Mainwaring, Archdeacon of St Albans, and there will be the usual opportunity for discussion after their presentations. All welcome.

 Hope, one of the theological virtues, will be the reason why we put all our trust in Jesus despite all the difficulties around us. Jesus says to his apostles, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me."

 **Amoris Laetitia the joy of love 286** *Love made fruitful - The love of a mother and a father* Children have a need for a mother's presence, especially in the first months of life. Women are witnesses to tenderness, dedication and moral strength.

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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