



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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11th – 18th June 2022 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - 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: [Prov 8:22-31](#), [Rom 5:1-5](#), [John 16:12-15](#)

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Psalm: How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

Intercession: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us!

Next Week: Readings: Gen 14:18-20, Cor 11:23-26, Luke 9:11-17

Ramblings The Trinity is probably one of the greatest beliefs in our understanding of God. Whatever else God is, God is Trinitarian: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We baptise our children *‘in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’* We do well to remember every day that we carry on our foreheads the unseen sign of the Trinity (the anointing with Oil). In the Celtic Church, the saints used what they called the *Caim* (“**protection**” or “**sanctuary.**”), the Encircling. It is said that when the saints were troubled by evil or attacked by enemies, they drew the *Caim* around them (*two intertwining circles*). This was not magic but an expression of the reality of the Presence of God. The encompassing of any of the Three Persons of the Trinity, or all of them, could be called on.’ Each morning St Patrick put on the Trinity like a breastplate or armour:

*I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three.
I arise today
through God’s strength to pilot me:
God’s might to uphold me,
God’s wisdom to guide me,
God’s eye to look before me,
God’s ear to hear me,
God’s word to speak to me,
God’s hand to guard me,
God’s way to lie before me,
God’s shield to protect me,
God’s host to save me,
from snares of devils,
from temptations of vices,
from everyone who shall wish me ill,
afar and near, alone and in a multitude.
I arise today through a mighty strength,
the invocation of the Trinity...*

This was not magic. Each day Patrick re-tuned himself to the Presence and Power of the Holy One, the Three in One. The doctrine of the Trinity is an immense treasure handed down to be enjoyed. Be proud of the doctrine of the Trinity because it expresses our experience of God knowing that God is still deeper, more mysterious and far above any doctrine we can comprehend.

Diary Dates

Sun 12 June
No Coffee after Mass as no-one offered to do it *****
2pm First Holy Communion *****
6.30 to 7.30 pm CTH Theological Society in St Mary's Church. Its theme is Defender of the Faith
Mon 13 June St Antony of Padua
6pm Beavers & 7.15pm Cubs Scout Hall
Tuesday 14 June
10.30am Coffee Morning Hall *****
7pm Scouts Scout Hall
Wed 15 June
6pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hall *****
7pm RCIA EC
Thurs 16 June
1pm Italian Club Hall *****
6.30pm Brownies Scout Hall
Fri 17 June
2-4pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall
Sat 18 June
1-3pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall

First Holy Communion and **Confirmation Cards** are on sale in the Hall after Masses on Sundays for the next three weeks.

This weekend the **Offertory Collection** taken up by the passing of the bags during Mass resumes.

🙏 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

Many thanks to all who came and supported the Coffee Morning last week in aid of the Live Simply Group. A total of £52.00 was raised.

Offertory procession 10.30 Mass – we need more families to take up the offerings at this Mass. Please let Trish know if you can help once every 5-6 weeks. Thanks in anticipation! 😊



Recycling News Update: Since we started collecting in Dec 2012 - we have collected and sent for recycling over 22 tons of waste and raised funds for these charities in total so far:

- Fr. Jean-Marie's Congo village project (paid to the parish) (2014-2015):
= **£ 811.00**
- Helping Herts Homeless:
= **£ 938.37**
- Our Lady's Hardship Fund:
= **£ 709.95**
- PHASE:= **£ 10,073.60**
- Marine Conservation Society:
= **£1389.40**

This is a huge achievement! Many thanks to you all and to Mike and Deolinda Eltringham for their dedication and on-going hard work.



Hitchin Pantry need volunteer drivers and sales assistants. 2-3 hours per week (or more if you like)

Please contact **Liz** at [Hitchin Pantry](#)


Other items of interest


Will You take the first Step? CAFOD's Gap year programme, **Step into the Gap** is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a chance to spend a year inspiring other to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and find out more information and how to apply for September 2022 go to cafod.org.uk/gapyear




Operation Noah's annual **Supporters' Event**, which this year will be held on **Saturday 18 June from 10.30am to 12.45pm**, is an opportunity to learn more about our work, hear from inspiring Christian speakers on climate and the environment and explore an environmental topic that interests you via one of our short workshops. This year's Supporters' Event – **Alternatives to Fossil Fuelled Violence: Listening to our Global Neighbours** – will again be online. Click here to register [Event](#)

Refresh@Christchurch (Tue 10am-1pm) is supporting the Ukrainian community and also other 'locals.' They need volunteers to serve coffee, clear up or just be in the building to chat to visitors. Contact jumillsju@virginmedia.com to offer help.

 For Fr. d'Alzon it was normal that a Christian be aware of the presence of God. Reflection on the perfections of God and on the wonders of His creation should create in us a permanent awareness of the presence of God, and this is a real sign of the love of Christ and proof of spiritual progress.

 **Amoris Laetitia the joy of love 287** *Love made fruitful - The love of a mother and a father* Mothers often communicate the deepest meaning of religious practice in the first prayers and acts of devotion that their children learn.

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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