



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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18th – 25th June 2022 CORPUS CHRISTI - 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: [Gen 14:18-20](#), [Cor 11:23-26](#), [Luke 9:11-17](#)

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Psalm: You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old

Intercession: Lord in your Mercy

Response: Hear our Prayer!


Next Week Readings: [Kings 19:16.19-21](#), [Gal 5:1.13-18](#), [Lk 9:51-62](#)

Ramblings Whenever we have visitors or visit people, we offer or receive something to eat and drink as a sign of hospitality, welcome and friendship. We celebrate special occasions with a meal or possibly a banquet for which much time and effort is given to the presentation, favour and healthiness of the food. By comparison, the eucharist is a simple affair with only bread and wine, but this meal, which takes place with Jesus, present in both bread and wine, is about presence and the sharing of goodness, love, mercy and blessing. Being in the presence of Jesus is lifegiving, uplifting and sustaining because sharing a meal with Jesus and with others increases the presence of God within us in a more rounded way because it unites us (communion) and strengthens us as a family of friends and believers.

Pope Francis says: *A blessing releases a cascade of goodness. To speak is to bless. Everything begins with blessing as words of goodness create a history of goodness. The act of blessing is a gift, since we are doing something for others, rather than ourselves. Blessing, is speaking with love and the Eucharist is itself a school of blessing. God blesses us, his beloved children, and encourages us to keep going, for we eat the Bread that contains all sweetness. Jesus gave the bread to the disciples in the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to feed several thousand people. Jesus trusts in the Father and those five loaves never run out, teaching his disciples to give, even if what we possess is limited. Whatever we have can bear fruit if we give it away. In the Eucharist, we find God contained in a piece of bread, inspiring us to give ourselves to others. The Lord comes to us in order to speak a blessing for us and to give us courage. He asks that we, too, be blessing and gift for others.*

Diary Dates

Sun 19 June

 **Coffee Morning** after 8.30am and 10.30am Masses by the One World/Live Simply will be to raise funds for the Hitchin Pantry. Cakes, books, preserves and bric a brac will also be on sale and perishable items e.g. cheese, butter, pizzas etc can be handed to any member of the group. Thanks for all your support for this vital initiative.

2pm First Holy Communion

Mon 20 June

6pm Beavers & 7.15pm Cubs Scout Hall

Tuesday 21 June

10.30am Coffee Morning Hall

7pm Scouts Scout Hall

Wed 22 June **Sts John Fisher & Thomas More**

6pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hall

7pm RCIA EC

Thurs 23 June **Nativity of John the Baptist**

1pm Italian Club Hall

6.30pm Brownies Scout Hall

Fri 24 June **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

2-4pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall

Sat 25 June **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

1-3pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall

9.30am-11.30am **Baptism Course** Hall

2pm First Holy Communion

The **Offertory Collection** taken up by the passing of the bags during Mass resumes this weekend. (Apologies for the message that it was starting last weekend)

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



Opportunities for communal prayer

Tuesday 11.30am Meditation Emmanuel Centre
NO 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

Thanks to all who provided jam jars for the Foodbank. We don't need any more now.

News from Fr Euloge who rang to say that he is missing us all but very happy to be back at his home with his mother. He sends his greetings to everyone. **God is good. All the time!**

Could you spare some on Saturday 25th June to help us to tidy up the church gardens?

Any time between 9am and midday with a refreshment break at 10.45? Extra pairs of hands will be much

appreciated for this one-off session to help us to make the church gardens look beautiful again as our regular gardening team has been sadly depleted since the Covid pandemic and we have been struggling to keep up. No experience needed and all tools provided. Please come along - you will be made very welcome!

Next Sunday (26th June) is a children's Mass with music appropriate for the children and shakers and instruments for the end of Mass. Fr Tom will talk to the children directly during the homily. Do bring all the family.

What: Parish Pals A young adults social (18-30)

When: Monday 27th June at 7pm

Where: Our Lady's Church Hitchin

Why: Meet like minded people and have a moment to connect with God

Future Dates

18th June from 10.30am-12.45pm Operation Noah's annual **Supporters' Event**, which this year will be held on **Saturday**, 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](#)



22nd June 1pm We pray for Kajetan Midgal whose funeral is at **St Hugh of Lincoln Church, Letchworth**. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. May the Lord comfort his family.

22nd to June 26th The Vatican's **Tenth World Meeting of Families** will take place in Rome, Italy from June. This is an international event that recognizes and celebrates the importance of the Family. The theme announced by Pope Francis is "Family Love: a Vocation and a Path to Holiness" Each family, whether large or small, should take some time to explore this website <https://www.romefamily2022.com/en/> and choose one or more activities that will bless your family in a special way. Go to <https://app.romefamily2022.com/en/login-register/> and start your journey along with those who will be in Rome.



20th- 26th June Refugees Week theme is "Healing" - <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/theme-of-refugee-week-2022-healing/>
#HealingTogether #RefugeeWeek2022

PHASE HITCHIN PRESENTS

Fair in the Square

SATURDAY, 18TH JUNE
HITCHIN TOWN SQUARE
10AM - 2PM

INCLUDES

- BOUNCY CASTLE
- TEDDY TOMBOLA
- WELLBEING CRAFTS
- CAKE STALL
- CHILDREN'S GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
- STORY TIME

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Come and talk to the Phase team!

Phase PROJECTS | PRELIMINARY | SUPPORT

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29th June at Zeo Centre. **Bouncing forwards - mental health evening with Kintsugi Hope**
 We've all faced setbacks and struggles in the past few years, haven't we? It's been an extremely tough time for many of us - maybe for you. We never 'get over' things - but we learn to 'get through' them. We learn to 'bounce forwards'. The Bouncing Forwards tour is an evening of live music, discussion, and short talks to explore resilience, mental well-being, and thriving through life's tough challenges. The evening will be led by Patrick Regan who will share wisdom from his own life struggles. Patrick is a fantastic communicator who is honest, vulnerable, real, funny, practical, and always inspiring. This inspiring and practical evening is taking place on the evening of Wednesday. An unmissable opportunity for everybody - whether they have a faith or not. Tickets are just £5 and available from [Bouncing Forwards Tour | Zeo Church | Hertfordshire](#)



2nd July Pride Parade through Central London, 2022 If you would like to march with us as a group, you will need to register to obtain your wristband using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6W5FSCT>



3rd July National Sick Day SVP trip to Walsingham leaving St Francis church Shefford at 7.30am, returning after 8pm. Bring a packed lunch. Not able to accommodate wheelchair users. Limited (5) free places still available. Please contact Charmaine Ball on 01462 850850 if you want to come.

9th July Hitchin Festival Event at Tilehouse Street Baptist Church THS will be displaying members' arts and crafts at a free open event at

the church want to invite others from the local churches to display their skills and talents as well. If you paint, model-make, draw, knit, sew etc. and would be interested in providing a small exhibit please contact Jane Robson on 07947 135853 or at revjane2017@gmail.com for more information or an application form by the end of June.

Other items of interest



Foodbank Urgent Needs

The items listed are the most urgently needed due to recent strong demand.

- Tinned Potatoes
- Tea [Foil packed]
- Tinned Fish [Tuna preferred]
- Coffee [Small Jars please]
- Milk UHT Longlife [Not Skimmed]
- Juice Longlife
- Sponge Puddings
- Deodorant / Shower Gel / Shampoo / Toothpaste

All items can be left in the blue tub in the porch. Thank you for your continued support.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 – LOOKING TO LISBON World Youth Day 2023 will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of August 2023. Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry with support from Cardinal's Appeal is offering a limited number of places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. Any 16 year olds who apply will need to be finishing year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage. These young people will commit to a series of preparatory sessions from September 2022, to prepare them to assist in support roles during the pilgrimage, such as by acting as small group leaders, and also offer formation to them which will be helpful in living their faith post-World Youth Day. More details can be found at <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/> or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk . Please apply by 31 July 2022.

Financial Resilience and Cost of Living



Caritas has put together this [very helpful list of resources](#) and organisations

to support anyone struggling financially at this time.

Alliance of Catholic Marriage Organisations draws together different charisms and approaches with much to offer couples at every stage of their relationship. And together they form

an invaluable and complimentary resource for parish ministry. Almost all their support is available in engaging online and webcam formats as well as face-to-face provision, restrictions permitting. Their joint resource “**Accompanying couples over a lifetime**” can be found on the noticeboard and on the website at [AofCMO](#)

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Diocese of Westminster 'Love in Action' Volunteering Awards 2022 We are pleased to launch this year's Volunteering Awards! We invite you to nominate the special volunteer(s) in your parish or community for an award.

This year's categories for nominations are:

1. School Social Outreach Award
2. Parish Social Outreach Award
3. Outstanding Service to the Parish Award
4. Young Volunteer of the Year Award
5. Charity Partner Volunteer Award
6. Lifetime Achievement Award

More information and the nomination form can be found at: [Caritas Volunteering Awards](#)

Anyone can nominate individual volunteers or volunteer teams. You can submit several nominations in the same or different categories.

The nominated volunteers must volunteer within the Diocese of Westminster. Nominated volunteers do not have to be Catholic. The awards are open to people of all faiths and none. **Nominations close on 20 July 2022.**

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BuzzWorks is a volunteer association that helps people discover and enjoy the world of bees and trains people in the craft of beekeeping. Volunteers may join in any of our many fulfilling activities :

- **Gardening:** including planting and maintaining bee friendly flower beds, pruning and grass cutting.

- **DIY Activities:** maintaining site equipment and buildings, making and repairing hives and bird boxes

- **Education:** lead school visits or run ready-

made small group activities during the summer.

- **Market Stall:** Do a 90-minute stint on our monthly Saturday market stall, or set up or take down occasionally. Learn to extract, melt and jar honey, and label for sale.


- **Bee Keeping:** Help at or run training sessions for potential beekeepers or for people with a general interest in seeing our bees close-up.

- **Admin:** Help organise any of our events, activities and visits, AGM or other meetings. Please visit <http://buzzworks.org.uk> for more information and contact us via the "Join us" volunteer page

The Life of Christ




The Life of Christ is back after a 2 year break and will be performed next week from 21-25 June 2022 at the beautiful Wintershall Estate with its lakes and woodlands. Trish will be in it again playing a number of different roles. This is James Burke-Dunsmore's last time playing the role of Jesus so it's not to be missed. The play has some new scenes which we are sure you will enjoy but we will still finish promptly. Please tell your local schools and friends to come and join us. Click here to [Please Book Now](#)

 Charity is the total gift to God of our capacity to love. In the Church it perfects our resemblance to Christ who gave himself completely. For Fr d'Alzon it is also a great mystery of unity; the spiritual unity of all the people of God, the unity of the soul with its Creator.

Amoris Laetitia the joy of love 288 *Love made fruitful - The love of a mother and a father* Dear Mothers: thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world. Catechesis 7.1.2015

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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