



# 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](#)

## Newsletter No 2002

2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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:** [Is 66:10-14](#), [Gal 6:14-18](#), [Luke 10:1-12,17-2](#)

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.  
**Psalm:** **Cry out with joy to God all the earth.**

**Intercession:** Lord hear us

**Response:** Lord, graciously hear us!

**Next Week:** [Readings Deut 30:10-14, Col 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37](#)

**Ramblings** Being greeted with the word 'Rejoice' as we are in the first reading brings sadness in the face of the many wars being waged in the world and especially in Ukraine. However, it is reassuring to be told that war, injustice, brutality and inhumanity are nothing to do with God and that God wants the complete opposite: for all people to live together in peace. To truly rejoice, we must make greater effort to create families and societies in which everyone is cared for, loved and valued. Words like reverence, dignity and honour should be in our thinking and in all our encounters. In creating us, God used these very same qualities as the stuff of which we are made. All too often we find that the people who are aggressive, brutal and abusive are people who have never been treated with reverence and respect. Without them they are unable to recognise their own dignity let alone the dignity of others.

*If we do not take care of one another, starting with the least, with those who are most impacted, including creation, we cannot heal the world. Jesus proposes a life of service, of giving one's life for others. We want to recognize the human dignity in every person, whatever his or her race may be. Created in the image of God, the principle of the inalienable dignity of the person is best summed up in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which Saint John Paul II defined as a 'milestone on the long and difficult path of the human race.' Faith exhorts us to commit ourselves seriously and actively to combat indifference in the face of violations of human dignity; faith always requires us to let ourselves be healed and to convert from our individualism, both personal and collective. May the Lord restore our sight, enabling us to rediscover what it means to be members of the human family.*  
**Pope Francis**

## Diary Dates

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| <b>Sun 3 July</b>   |
|  <b>Coffee Morning</b> after 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. This Sunday's Coffee Morning will be in aid of Endometriosis UK. |
| <b>Mon 4 July</b>   |
| <b>6pm Beavers &amp; 7.15pm Cubs</b> Scout Hall   |
| <b>Tuesday 5 July</b>   |
| <b>10.30am Coffee Morning</b> Hall<br>*****   |
| <b>7pm Scouts</b> Scout Hall  |
| <b>Wed 6 July</b>   |
| <b>6pm Feed Up Warm Up</b> Scout Hall<br>*****  |
| <b>7pm RCIA</b> EC  |
| <b>Thurs 7 July</b>   |
| <b>1pm Italian Club</b> Hall<br>*****   |
| <b>6.30pm Brownies</b> Scout Hall<br>*****  |
| <b>7pm Finance Meeting</b> Lounge   |
| <b>Fri 8 July</b>   |
| <b>2-4pm Hitchin Pantry</b> Scout Hall  |
| <b>Sat 9 July</b>   |
| <b>1-3pm Hitchin Pantry</b> Scout Hall  |

## **Prayer diary**

Opportunities for communal prayer

**Tuesday** **7pm Eucharistic Service** Church  
To Zoom click on [Eucharistic Service](#)

**Wednesday** **9.30am Rosary** Church  
**3pm Meditation** Emmanuel Centre

**Thursday** **6.30pm Meditation** Emmanuel Centre  
*All are welcome for private prayer at any time in the church which is open 8.30am - 7pm*



We pray for **Tony Burns** whose funeral is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 11.30am and for **Betty Sturnham** whose funeral is on 25<sup>th</sup> July at 10am Mass. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. May the Lord comfort their families.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 12-4pm Our Lady Catholic**



**Primary School Summer Fair** -. Games, stalls, food and drink, performances, prize raffles etc. Fun for the whole family. All are welcome. Raffle tickets £1 each with prizes including: an iPad, luxury hampers, a family ticket to Todd In The Hole Festival and more, will be sold in the porch after all Masses this weekend.

**Bereavement Service 13<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm** in the church for those who have lost family and friends particularly over the past two years. There will be an opportunity to write names of your loved one on a flower and place it on the front of the altar. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after the service.



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**Help needed with recycling monitoring** Is there a young person (someone doing DoE perhaps) looking to help the church community in a simple way? We need someone to keep an eye on the recycling bins in the porch area and move the full bags into the link and put a new bag in the bin and then communicate with us what has been done. If you are willing to help please let [Trish](#) know asap.

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**Br Adams** is keen to lead a series of monthly sessions starting from September when we look at questions we may have about our faith and other issues. We just need to know what your questions are! This would be an opportunity for us to continue with our synodal sharings also. Please let us know the questions you have. Also we need to know when would be the best time to meet? Suggestions are Sundays – after Mass or afternoon or early evenings. What would you prefer. Speak to or email [Trish](#) with your questions and best times. Thanks for your help.

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**10<sup>th</sup> July Sea Sunday** Every year churches

around the world celebrate Sea Sunday. It is a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers, and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives. You can show your support for seafarers and fishers this Sea Sunday, and raise vital funds to ensure we can support everyone who needs our help. Please take an envelope from the Porch if you wish to make a donation. The Assumptionists have had close links in Liverpool with Stella Maris in the past.

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Our Lady's church raised £129 for the Marine Conservation Society to protect our ocean, from recycling crisp packets. Thank you.

**Future Dates**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 10am-1pm Triangle Community Garden Party** on Ransoms Rec. Plant sales, children's activities, crafts, music, cream teas and much more (including Garden tours which need to be booked on [www.trainlegarden.org/events](http://www.trainlegarden.org/events) )

They ask us to come with cash/coins, also to 'bring our cups, not our cars!'

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 6.30 to 7.30 pm** Theological Society in Church House, next to St Mary's - note change of venue. The theme is Coming to belief and three speakers - Gail Adcock, Melanie Crowley and Nigel Williams - will reflect on how people find faith in this largely secular age. There will as always be an opportunity for comments and questions at the end. All welcome.

**Other items of interest**

**Parishioner looking for cleaning work** is available all days of week except Wednesday morning for two hours and every other Friday. You can contact [Laura Lambie](mailto:LauraLambie95@gmail.com) at [lauralambie95@gmail.com](mailto:lauralambie95@gmail.com) or on **07511 172541**.

This week and in the next few weeks a number of our Assumptionist students will receive the order of deacon or priesthood, in France, Vietnam, The Philippines and Africa. Please remember them in your prayers that they may be true workers for the Kingdom of God and live their lives as service. Thank you.



**Amoris Laetitia the joy of love 290** *Love made fruitful - The love of a mother and a father* A mother's tenderness and compassion helps a child to grow in self-esteem and, in turn, to develop a capacity for intimacy and empathy

**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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