



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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23rd July – 30th July 2022 17th 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: [Gen 18:20-32](#), [Col 2:12-14](#), [Luke 11:1-13](#)

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Psalm: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Intercession: Lord hear us

Response: Lord, graciously hear us!

Next Week: Readings: [Ecc 1:2:21-23](#), [Col 3:1-5,9-11](#), [Luke 12:13-21](#)

Ramblings To the question 'How to Pray!' Jesus says that we need to be in the right disposition by focusing on God and in particular the holiness of God. It is this holiness that is transmitted to us in prayer. We recognise that we live in God's world by loving God and neighbour, the essence and life-force of the Kingdom of God. We also need to live in peace with each other, through reconciliation and forgiveness. In recognising our failings, we realise not only the importance of God in our lives but our need of God's encouragement, affirmation, support and wisdom. Once in the right disposition, words in our prayer will not be necessary; we will be too busy listening and being inspired by what God has to say!

Our Father *Malcolm Guite*

I heard him call you his beloved son
and saw his Spirit lighten like a dove,
I thought his words must be for you alone,
knowing myself unworthy of his love.
You pray in close communion with your Father,
so close you say the two of you are one,
I feel myself to be receding further,
fallen away and outcast and alone.

And so, I come and ask you how to pray,
seeking a distant supplicant's petition,
only to find you give your words away,
as though I stood with you in your position,
as though your Father were my Father too,
as though I found his 'welcome home' in you.

On tiptoe we stand, Lord Jesus
eagerly awaiting your full revelation
always expecting you to come some more.
Our hands and hearts are open to your grace.
Our lives still waiting for
the fullness of your presence.
We are those who have been promised a
Kingdom, and we can never forget.

Yet we have a foot in both worlds
and we stumble.

But, still we stand on tiptoe,
owning our kingdom-loving hearts
and our earth-eyes,
leaning forward in hope. (*MACRINA WIEDERKEHR*)

Diary Dates

Sun 24 July
 Coffee Morning after 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. This week's coffee morning will be in aid of Diapalante.
Mon 25 July
10 am Funeral Mass Betty Sturnham ***** 7pm Young Adults Social meet in church. Meet like-minded people and have a moment to connect with God in Adoration followed by a social in the pub.
Tuesday 26 July
No Coffee this morning
Wed 27 July
6pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hall ***** 7pm RCIA EC
Thurs 28 July
1pm Italian Club Hall
Fri 29 July
2-4pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall ***** 6-8pm Youth Event Hall All young people who have been confirmed recently and in the last 3 years are invited. It will be a space to continue exploring your faith and will be done through formal and informal conversation and activities. Please let Rob know if you can attend roberthitchcock@rcdow.org.uk
Sat 30 July
1-3pm Hitchin Pantry 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*



This Sunday Children's Mass 10.30am will focus on the theme **The Fatherhood of God** - What kind of Father is God to us - to you? Children are invited to bring pictures or items to help answer this question to show at the Mass when Fr Tom calls them out.

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Many thanks to all who supported the OWLS coffee morning last week. £69 was raised for the London Mining Network.

This Sunday's coffee morning will be in support of **Diapalante's education centre in Senegal**. Do join us in the hall after the 8.30 and 10.30 masses where cakes, preserves and books will be on sale as well as religious cards and artefacts.

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Next Sunday 31 July is a spare Coffee Morning after both Masses. Please let Trish know before Friday if you are interested in hosting this. Many thanks.



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The next **Marriage Preparation Course** will take place in the church hall on Saturday 29 October 2022, 9am to 5pm. Anyone considering marriage in the church in 2023 should book onto this course. To book a place please email catholicmarriageprep@outlook.com with



your full names (both parties). **The fee is £60 per couple.**

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Congratulations to young parishioner and parish minister of the Word, Guy Crossland who has completed Reception to Year 11 at school with no absences at all. An extraordinary achievement. See [100% attendance](#) for the detail.



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A parishioner wants to pay for 2-3 hours help in her garden digging out some bramble roots. If anyone is able to help can you please contact Theresa Hicks on 01462 441752.

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A Ukrainian family needs a bed for a 1 year old child. They also need pan or pans for an induction hub. If anyone has either can you contact Tomasz Pernak at pernak@btinternet.com.

Future Dates



27 July - 3 August, 2022 One in Mind One in Heart – A Meditation and Lifestyle Retreat for young Adults This retreat will bring younger people together from around the world to reflect on the meaning of oneness for themselves and for the planet. Location: Bonnevaux & Online.

Check [Bonnevaux](#) and [Online](#) for details.

The Assumptionists in Santiago Chile realised most of their people would never go to France and created their own Lourdes. Besides the replica of the grotto in France there is a very large basilica dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. In fact because of its popularity that area of Santiago is now officially called 'Lourdes'.



Amoris Laetitia the joy of love 293 *Love made fruitful - The love of a mother and a father* God sets the father in the family so that by the gifts of his masculinity he can be 'close to his wife and share everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship.

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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