# CHURCH OF OUR LADY

**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 2005 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022 17<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.

**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.

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

 Intercession:
 Lord near us

 Response:
 Lord, graciously hear us!

 Next Week:
 Readings:
 Ecc 1:2:2:21-23. Col 3:1-5.9-11. Luke 12:13-21

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						
1	Coffee	Morning	after	8.30am	and	
03	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 6.30pm Meditation Emmanuel Centre

Thursday 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 items to help answer this or

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. \*\*\*\*





Marriage The Preparation next **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, Guv 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.

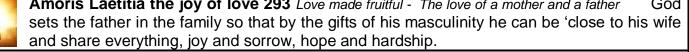
### Future Dates



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 RA and created their own Lourdes. Besides the replica of the grotto in France there is a very large ABEL HET CH 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



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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