



# 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 2010

27<sup>th</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 – 22<sup>nd</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:** [Ecc 3:17-20.28-29](#), [Heb 12:18-19.22-24](#), [Luke 14:1.7-14](#)

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**Psalm:** **In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.**

**Intercession:** We pray to the Lord

**Response:** **Lord hear us!**

**Next Week:** [Wis 9:13-18](#), [Phil 9-10.12-17](#), [Luke 14:25-33](#)

**Ramblings** The prophet Micah wrote, “*And what does the LORD require of you but to act justly, love kindly, and walk humbly with your God?*” (Micah 6:8). We are often encouraged to be humble, told the importance of humility but what does this really mean? Humble is derived from the Latin *humus* meaning earth. Other words linked with humility are submissive, respectful, lowly in manner, modest, not self-asserting, obedient. Humble people have their feet on the ground, live in the real world and recognise their place in it. Recognising their own strengths and weaknesses, they are able to recognise the strengths and weaknesses in others; that we are all in some way flawed. This develops a deep respect for oneself as a child of God but also for others. Jesus said treat others as you treat yourself. Words like demeaning, of little value, being less than others, or useless are completely contrary to being humble. Recognising that others are precious in the eyes of God means that we are also precious in God’s eyes!

### **Humility & Pride** (Bob Gotti)

Two emotions deep down inside, are those of humility and pride, they produce what men may see, in the life of both you and me.

A haughty spirit can sure reside, in a heart that’s filled with pride.

A humble spirit is in you and me, when you’re filled with humility.

Men who are humble and meek, by proud men considered weak, by the Lord are never despised, but truly favoured in God’s eyes.

The Lord will exalt humble men; for this is in His Word my friend, they will be lifted up by the Lord, as by God they’re not ignored.

Friend pride can be a hindrance, to the life Christ has given to us, pride will never be used by God, but it shall be judged by His rod.

Allow Christ’s humble spirit within, then you shall be used by Him, as only a meek and humble life, truly displays the power of Christ.

### Diary Dates

<b>Sun 28 Aug</b>
 <b>Coffee Morning</b> after 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. This week’s coffee morning will be in aid of The Gardening Group. Proceeds will go towards some new plants for the gardens.
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<b>10.30am Mass is a children’s Mass</b> led by Fr Tom on the theme of ‘Being humble and humility’
<b>Tuesday 30 Aug</b>
<b>10.30am Coffee Morning</b> Hall
<b>Wed 31 Aug</b>
<b>12 noon Funeral Mass John McDonald RIP</b>
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<b>6pm Feed Up Warm Up</b> Scout Hall
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<b>7pm RCIA</b> EC
<b>Thurs 1 Sept</b>
<b>1pm Italian Club</b> Hall
<b>Fri 2 Sept</b>
<b>2-4pm Hitchin Pantry</b> Scout Hall
<b>Sat 3 Sept</b> <b>St Gregory the Great</b>
<b>1-3pm Hitchin Pantry</b> Scout Hall

### **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  
**2pm Charismatic Prayer** 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*

There is another vacancy to host a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 4 September** after both Masses. If interested in this slot, please let Cheryl or Trish know. Many thanks.

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**Baptism Preparation Course** the next course will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 10-11.30am in the Church Hall. [Register here](#)

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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](mailto:catholicmarriageprep@outlook.com) with your full names if interested. Many thanks.

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**First Reconciliation and Holy Communion programme 2023** Application forms for next year's FHC programme is now available. Please note: if your child was baptised outside of the parish then you will need to upload a copy of their certificate.

The first parents meeting details:

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7-8.30pm**

Please arrive from 6.45 to allow a prompt start (tea and coffee will be served). If you have child care issues, then children are welcome to join.

Applications and more details can be found on the following: [First Eucharist](#)

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**Other items of interest**

**CAFOD Schools Volunteers needed**

This summer are you looking for a new challenge? Do you enjoy working with **children and young people**?

Could you help to **inspire** and **empower** children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of **global justice**? Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about

our work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD?

Then why not use your skills for the common good and be an active part of creating a world without poverty.

No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

**CAFOD Schools Volunteers coordinator needed**

Are you interested in using your skills to help to help organise visits to primary and secondary schools across the Westminster Diocese? Are you comfortable using databases and communicating with schools and other volunteers? Join us a volunteer to support our busy schools programme. Some experience using databases and IT systems is required but full support and training will be given.

If you are interested in either of the two volunteer roles above, please contact Chris Driscoll at CAFOD


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07776 493162 for further information.


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Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Find out more [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)  
Thank you for your support.

 This weekend we remember two great saints. On Saturday we celebrate St Monica and on Sunday her son St Augustine. Many religious congregations like us follow the Rule of St Augustine written for his sister's community. Augustine is a saint who as a young man morally led a poor life but after his conversion he became one of the great doctors of the Church. St Monica and St Augustine pray for us.

 **Amoris Laetitia the joy of love 298** *Love made fruitful - An expanding fruitfulness* Some couples are unable to have children. We know this can be a cause of real suffering for them. Their marriage retains its character of being wholly in communion with life and preserves its value and indissolubility. (Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Gaudium et Spes, 50.)

**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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