



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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10th – 17th September 2022 – 24th 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: [Ex 32:7-11, 13-14](#), [Tim 1:12-17](#), [Luke 15:1-32](#)

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Psalm: **I will leave this place and go to my father.**

Intercession: Lord in your Mercy

Response: **Hear our Prayer!**

Next Week: Readings: [Amos 8:4-7](#), [1Tim 2:1-8](#), [Luke 16:1-13](#)

Ramblings



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
Rest in peace and rise in glory

Farewell to a much-loved Queen and Mother

It is no coincidence that Queen Elizabeth II died on the birthday of another Queen and Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Reflections on those who have died often teach us how much God has been present in them and how much they reflected the goodness, love and mercy of Jesus Christ. This is so true as we reflect on the life of Queen Elizabeth. She, among all the holy women who have died, also gives us a special and unique insight into the life and dedication of our other Queen and Mother, Mary.

Like Mary, Queen Elizabeth served this nation and the nations of peoples she loved with total selflessness and utter dedication, giving birth to Christ in our nation at every turning point, in times of happiness and joy as well as times of tragedy, sorrow and evil. Few can emulate her commitment to service given not out of a sense of duty but out of a deep love for us. Would that our political leaders could find it in themselves to serve us with this same love and the desire to create a nation to be a living breathing family that cares for everyone especially the least, the marginalised and the neglected - a nation Queen Elizabeth strived to create. May our grief, our

deep sorrow and our tears be the seed-bed that grows a nation that Elizabeth wished us to be: united despite and even because of our differences; a nation that shows reverence, dignity and respect to all; a nation that works together to overcome difficulties, however great (like the ones we face today); a nation that rooted for and wanted the best for everyone without exception. In short, a nation of which Jesus Christ, himself, would be proud and in which Mary would truly rejoice!

See more detail about her Majesty at the [Bishop's Conference website](#)

Diary Dates

Sun 11 Sept



Coffee Morning after 8.30am and 10.30am Masses will be provided in support of **KISS**.

6.30pm CTH Theological Society starts its second year at St Mary's, with a session on **'Singing the Faith'**. Speakers from different Christian traditions will say how music, especially when sung, has expressed, enriched and promoted belief. All are welcome, whether you are a regular or trying it for the first time.

Monday 12 Sept

6pm Beavers & 7.15pm Cubs Scout Hall

7pm PPC Meeting Church

Tuesday 13 Sept **St John Chrysostom**

10.30am Coffee Morning Hall

7pm Scouts Scout Hall

Wed 14 Sept **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

10.30am PRAISE GROUP Hall

6pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hall

7pm NO RCIA

Diary Dates cont

Thurs 15 Sept Our Lady of Sorrows
1pm Italian Club Hall *****
6.30pm Brownies Scout Hall
Fri 16 Sept Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
2-4pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall
Sat 17 Sept
11am Meditation Event Hall (see note below) *****
1-3pm Hitchin Pantry 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

Thanks to all who helped with the Requiem Mass for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Friday evening, MCs, Readers and Organist. Given that they had such short notice it was a lovely Mass. Unfortunately we had technical problems on the livestream but it has been recorded and can be listened to at [Requiem Mass](#)

North Hertfordshire  District Council

Chair of the Council

Following the very sad death of our sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II, The Vice-Chair of North Hertfordshire Council, Councillor Daniel Allen, would like to invite you to attend the reading of the Proclamation of our new Monarch, King Charles III.

Venue: Flagpole outside Council Offices, Letchworth Garden City

Date: Sunday 11th September 2022

Time: Proclamation to begin at 4pm

As a mark of respect, we ask that attendees wear dark suits and black tie and ladies equivalent.

Should you have any questions, please contact committee.services@north-herts.gov.uk.

Saturdays 24 September, 1, 8 & 29 October

There are various events being held in the Hall over the coming weeks. Please bear that in mind when coming to Mass those days as the car park may be busy. Many thanks.



Br Adams ordination update – we are beginning to plan in detail this event – we still await the final confirmation from Rome but hopefully this is just a formality. Please note 12th November at 12pm in your diaries. We will have a bring and share reception in the hall after the ordination as the food you all bring is so wonderful and better than any caterer could provide. More details to follow about this.

Saturday Cleaning of church – help needed:

We usually have three people per team, attending just one week in 5, or 6.

The tasks are:

- Vacuuming the blue carpet
- Dry wiping between the pews
- Cleaning/washing the porch area
- Cleaning the priest's sacristy



For three people, this takes under an hour, starting at 8:30 - 9:30am, ready for the 10:00 mass. If you cannot make the early start, you can come in after 11:15, and there will be a list of the tasks still to be completed.

There is a regular slot commencing **Sat 1st Oct.**, and another from **Sat 22nd Oct.**, so again, please contact Alan O'Mahoney at alanom@btinternet.com

Saturday 17th September 10.30am for 11am start in the church hall - experience a day of Christian Meditation

Martin Zetter from the World Community for Christian Meditation will be our leader for the day. There will be books (cash only) for sale and literature to take away. Food will be provided. If you would like to come please contact Dave at david.whitt15@ntlworld.com. See poster on notice board.

We have a new stream to our recycling

Nestlé Confectionery recycling: We are collecting: All brands of plastic chocolate and sweet pouches and bags, multipack wrappers, individual chocolate wrappers. **(Waste NOT accepted: No Aluminium foil, no paper and no card wrappers, no tins, no trays, no tubs)** Please see the complete list of recycling we can accept in the parish at the end of the newsletter.





We pray for **Bridget Deegan** whose funeral is on **Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 10am**. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. May the Lord comfort her family.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



Baptism Preparation Course the

next course will be on Saturday 22nd October 2022 10-11.30am in

the Church Hall. [Register here](#)

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 if interested. Many thanks.

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 27th 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](#)

Other Dates

14th Sept 18:30 - 20:30 Refugee Hosting Information Session Online

This information session is for anyone who is hosting, would like to host or explore further ways of providing support to those who are seeking sanctuary.

In this session you will:

Be introduced to the Community of Support

Meet others who are on the hosting journey or are interested in what support of people seeking sanctuary could look like.

Learn about best practice with regards to hosting.

Learn more about the current 'Homes for Ukraine' context.

Discern further ways of welcoming and responding.

Share experiences and ask questions.

This session is a part of the wider Diocesan Community of Support. It has been set up in response to the government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme, the Afghan Refugee Response, and the

wider situation of asylum seekers and refugees in the Diocese of Westminster. [Register here](#)

18th Sept, 11.30-3pm Pre-love Baby Clothes Pop up Shop plus various other miscellaneous items including shoes, toys, curtains, bedding etc in Our Lady's Scout hall. Pay as you feel/ Donation all going to **Hitchin Pantry**

21st Sept, 10.30 to 11.30 am. International Peace Day Hitchin Quakers invite all to attend an event they are arranging in their Peace Garden (corner of Paynes Park and Brand Street) on Wednesday 21st September, 10.30 to 11.30 am. The theme to mark this day is The Impact of War and the hour will include reflections and a two minute silence at 11.00.

21st Sept 2.30pm Tackling the Global Food Crisis – Oakwood Right now, over 20 million people in East Africa are facing a food crisis that could be worse than any we've lived through. CAFOD writer Jack Ellinas will share stories of communities he recently met in northern Kenya, and the local experts who are working alongside them to help.

The meeting will take place in the Parish Centre at Catholic Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, London N14 4HE. Coffees and Teas will be served from 2.15pm

Please Contact Tony at Westminster@cafod.org.uk to book a place.

Recycling for Charity

Raising funds for charity - Helping Herts Homeless (<http://helpinghertshomeless.org/>)

1) **BIC Spent Writing Instruments:**

We are collecting: **All writing instruments can be collected, regardless of their brand or material - ballpoint pens, felt tips, mechanical pencils, markers, highlighters, fountain pens, correction tape or pens and correction fluid pots.**

Wooden pencils and crayons can be collected for the educational charity **Diapalante**, active in Senegal and Mauritania (www.diapalante.org). **(NO wax crayon pens accepted)**

2) **Colgate and Hello Oral Care recycling:**

We are collecting **All brands of: Toothpaste tubes and caps, Plastic Toothbrushes and outer packaging, Electric and battery toothbrush HEADS only, Toothpaste cartons, Floss containers and their outer packaging, and HELLO only mouthwash bottles and caps.**

NB: In order to recycle this waste stream properly please use a scissors to cut open the toothpaste tubes and make sure all leftover product has been used and

washed out, rinse and let them dry before bringing them to us.

Please note, waste NOT accepted:

• NO Inter-dental Brushes • NO Battery Toothbrush handles • NO Toothache Kits • **NO wooden toothbrushes** • NO Denture Cream Tubes • NO Breath Sprays • NO Denture Adhesives or Tablets Packaging • NO tubes and NO cartons that did not contain toothpaste • NO outer packaging that did not contain toothbrushes • NO other brands of Mouthwash Plastic Bottles

Raising funds for charity - Parish's Hardship Care Fund / Foodbank

3) **McVities Biscuits Wrappers Recycling:**

We are collecting: **ALL brands of SWEET or Non-Savoury Biscuit wrappers and ALL brands Cake wrappers, and ALL brands Cracker Wrappers and Bread Sticks.**

4) **Warburtons Bakery and Wax Wrap recycling:**

We are collecting:

- All brands of plastic bread bags and closure tags.
- All brands of bakery plastic packaging (e.g.: trays, zipper bags, packs)
- **Warburtons ONLY** branded Wax Wrap packaging
(Waste NOT accepted: No bread paper bags, combined paper and film window bags, any other brands of Wax Wrap)

5) Nestlé Confectionary recycling: as detailed earlier in newsletter

Raising funds for charity - PHASE

6) The Taylors of Harrogate Programme: - We are collecting: All brands of ground coffee pouches, all brands of flexible coffee packaging, and all brands of coffee bean pouches. (Waste NOT accepted: No glass jars, no metal tins, no hard plastic lids or containers, and NO pods at all!)

7) RB@ Hygiene Home Recycling: We are collecting flexible plastic packaging from: stain remover powder packs, dishwashing tablets packs,

dishwasher cleaner and fragrance packaging and plastic sleeves, home cleaning wipes, dishwasher salt bags, and foil inside dishwasher protector, cleaning products refill packaging. Please ensure all products residues have been rinsed from the packaging, before bringing them.

8) Marigold Gloves Recycling: We are collecting **Marigold ONLY** disposable and durable gloves from domestic use only, and their plastic packaging. (Waste NOT accepted: NO glove products that have been in contact with harsh/industrial chemicals, and NO other brands.)


9) GOOD Refill Pouch Recycling: We are collecting Shampoo refill pouches and lids from Head&Shoulders/ Panene/ Aussie/ Herbal Essences ONLY. Please ensure all products residues have been rinsed from the packaging, before bringing them. (Waste NOT accepted: NO other brands and NO Rigid Shampoo bottles, that can be recycled through local council facilities).


Raising funds for charity - Marine Conservation Society - it is helping people to discover, to value, and to enjoy being connected to our seas, to inform better decisions today, which will ensure seas full of life and eliminate pollution in our seas and on our beaches for future generations. <https://www.mcsuk.org/> The following schemes

10) KP Crisp Packets and snacks Recycling: We are collecting: **All brands of crisp bags and multi-packs outer bags. All brands of nuts, pretzels, popcorn, and hula-hoops packets.**


NB: In order to recycle this waste stream properly, please empty all packaging of ALL food content and keep them flat, and do not tie them into knots or fold into origami triangles

11) Pringles tubes Recycling: We are collecting: Any size of empty Pringles tubes, the clear plastic lids and foil seal on Pringles cans (Waste NOT accepted: All other types or brands of tubes)

 Asked about Fr d'Alzon the founder of the Assumptionists it is hard to do better than repeat what was said at the time of his death in 1880."He was a valiant soldier, always ready for combat. He energetically opposed everything false, dishonest or disloyal. He admitted no compromise with error or weakness. He was a true soldier of God, a knight of the Holy Church.

 **Amoris Laetitia the joy of love 300** *Love made fruitful - An expanding fruitfulness*
Adopting a child is an act of love, offering the gift of a family to someone who has none.

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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