



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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24th September – 1st October 2022 26th 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: Amos 6:1-4-7, 1Tim 6:11-16, Luke 16:19-31

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Psalm: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Intercession: Lord, hear us

Response: Lord, graciously hear us!

Next Week: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4, 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14, Luke 17:5-10

Ramblings In every age God calls us to build the future with all those around us. On this Sunday, when we reflect on and pray for migrants and refugees, we are reminded that they are an essential part of the kingdom we wish to build together. Pope Francis writes:

Building the future with migrants and refugees means recognizing and valuing how much each of them can contribute to the process of its construction. This approach to migration is reflected in a prophetic vision of Isaiah, which considers foreigners not as invaders or destroyers, but as willing labourers who rebuild the walls of the new Jerusalem, that Jerusalem whose gates are open to all peoples (cf. Is 60:10-11).


Dear brothers and sisters, and, in a special way, young people! If we want to cooperate with our heavenly Father in building the future, let us do so together with our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees. Let us build the future today! For the future begins today and it begins with each of us. We cannot leave to future generations the burden of responsibility for decisions that need to be made now, so that God's plan for the world may be realized and his Kingdom of justice, fraternity, and peace may come.

Lord, make us bearers of hope,
so that where there is darkness,
your light may shine,
and where there is discouragement,
confidence in the future may be reborn.
Lord, make us instruments of your justice,
so that where there is exclusion,
fraternity may flourish,
and where there is greed,
a spirit of sharing may grow.
Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,
together with migrants and refugees

and with all who dwell on the peripheries.
Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is
to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

Diary Dates

Sun 25 Sept World Day for Migrants & Refugees

 **Coffee Morning** after 8.30am and 10.30am Masses will raise funds for Cancer Hair Care, a small local cancer charity. There will be a tasty cakes and a fantastic raffle, including prizes of wine, chocolates and a Google Nest mini. The event is being organised by a parishioner who is celebrating being 10 years cancer free. **Please support this event!**

Monday 26 Sept

6pm Beavers & 7.15pm Cubs Scout Hall

7pm Parish Pals A young adults social (18-35) in church for Adoration followed by social in pub. Meet like-minded people and have a moment to connect with God.

Tuesday 27 Sept St Vincent de Paul

10.30am Coffee Morning Hall

6.45pm FHC Session 1 Hall

7pm Scouts Scout Hall

Wed 28 Sept

10am Funeral Mass of Bridget Deegan May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

2pm Prayer Group Church

6pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hall

7pm RCIA EC

Thurs 29 Sept

Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels

1pm Italian Club Hall

6.30pm Brownies Scout Hall

7.30pm CTH Council Meeting at St Mark's see below for detail.

Diary Dates cont.
Fri 30 Sept St Jerome
2-4pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall
Sat 1 Oct St Therese of the child Jesus
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

The next church gardening session is tomorrow **Saturday 24th September**. All are welcome to come and help from 9am. Coffee is provided.



This Sunday is World Migrant and Refugee day. The 10.30 Mass is a children's Mass so this is the theme for the Mass. Children are invited to bring pictures or items that may relate to this topic to show at the Mass during the homily. Our Lady School is providing a template that children might wish to use. Please invite any families you may know who are refugees living in the area, to come to this Mass. There are resources in the porch for adults and children for you to use in your home.

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Br Adams ordination update – He has received the approval from Rome which is wonderful news. Congratulations to him. So 12th November at 12pm is a go!! See invitation at the back of the newsletter. 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. **We do need some people to co-ordinate this and manage the set-up in the hall on the day. If you are willing to help in this way please let [Trish know](#)**

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First Reconciliation and Holy Communion programme 2023 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](#)

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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.

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Parish Mission Statement The Pastoral Parish Council have been considering a Mission Statement for the parish, to define what we aim to do as a parish and guide us in our decision making. After much discussion we have agreed on the following text and we ask all parishioners to consider this statement. If you have any suggestions for amendments please let [Trish Bonnett](#) know by 30th October.

*Our mission in the Church, is to:
 live simply, peacefully and sustainably;
 be attentive to the call of the Holy Spirit;
 support the poor and marginalised;
 be a source of comfort to those in need
 and seek out those distanced from the Lord.
 We strive to strengthen the bonds of families and friendship through our ministries, outreach and liturgies.
 We ask the Lord's guidance to make us mindful of our duty to protect the earth and everything he has created and make us joyful messengers of His Kingdom.*



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



RECYCLING STREAM FEATURE



Marigold Gloves Recycling:

We collect **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.)

Bring your worn out gloves to our recycling area now!

Funds raised goes to – **PHASE** – it provides support and counselling to school children in Hitchin schools. (<http://www.phase-hitchin.org/>)

Other Dates

29th September 7.30pm Churches Together in Hitchin Council Meeting at St Mark's. It begins with the annual Phase Update at 7.30 pm, an opportunity to hear about the great work being done in our schools. Then the actual Council is at 8 pm and the agenda will include reports on what we have been doing together and new ideas for the future, among them the possibility of our churches being 'warm spaces' during the coming winter. We will also have a session on '**Journeying Together**' another synodal sharing opportunity led by Father Tom of Our Lady's, our current Chair Both meetings are open to all - do come along.

29th September John Henry Newman School Open evening 5.30-8.30pm



Prospectuses and Application Forms will be available on the evening and there will be two opportunities at 6.30pm and 7.30pm to attend the Headteacher's address in the Sports Hall. The last tour will be at 7pm and the school will close to visitors once the final Headteacher's address starts at 7.30pm. There will be opportunities for parents to view the School following this Open Evening.

17th October - visit of St Bernadette's relics to St Joseph's Church, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 1NJ. Church open 1pm to midnight, then Tuesday 18th from 6 to 8.15am. Masses: Monday 5pm, 7pm (Solemn Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan, procession), 10pm, and Tuesday 7am. For full programme, visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stevenage>

12th November 10:30am – 5pm A free all-day **Conference on the cost of living crisis**, open to representatives from all Diocese of Westminster parishes and schools. Venue All Saints Catholic College, 75 Saint Charles Square, London, W10 6EL. Register at [Cost of Living Crisis](#)

Other items of interest

French and Spanish teachers for the autumn term Little Linguists have been working in the Letchworth and Baldock area for many years now running French and Spanish clubs for little ones. We need local French and Spanish teachers for the autumn term. The work is on a part-time freelance basis and can be as little as 30 minutes a week up to quite a few hours. Our teachers need to speak French or Spanish to a good level or be native speakers. No teaching experience is needed but they should be enthusiastic and engaging and most importantly enjoy working with young children. The work is usually lunchtime or after school but we do also have some day time work available at the moment. The rates of pay are good and all materials are provided.

Anyone who may be interested to contact Suzanne Snowdon in the first instance on 07857 974437 (phone or whatsapp) or e-mail suzanne@littlelinguists.org.uk and she can give further details.

Are you a student at one of the universities or colleges in London, or in Hatfield? Our **Catholic Chaplaincy** is for you! It's based at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. We have Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. And in many of the universities and colleges we also have campus-based Catholic societies and activities. Go to: www.universitycatholic.net to find out more. You will be made very welcome at our Catholic community here, a 'home from home'.

If you are a full-time student (undergraduate or graduate student) heading to a university outside London, then why not take a look at <https://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/> to identify the Catholic chaplaincy in your place of study.

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Season of Creation This important season of the year began on 1st September and concludes on 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. The Holy Father has sent a letter for this time which can be found at [Season of Creation letter](#).

Invitation for the Mass of the Ordination of Br Adams Tatsidjodoung a.a. celebrated by Vincent Nichols

Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster

12th November 2022 at 12pm

at the Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Andrew

Followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall

Parking will be limited – we will advise of other parking facilities to those who confirm they will be attending.

Please confirm your attendance by **23rd October 2022** by emailing cherylsaunders@rcdow.org.uk or ring 01462 459126 (press 2 for Cheryl)

If you are able to provide something sweet or savoury for the **Bring and Share Reception** please let Trish know at trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk



One of the first Assumptionists Etienne Pernet saw the conditions of the poorer people in Paris especially when there was sickness in the home. With Antoinette Fage he founded the Little Sisters of the Assumption. They cared for the sick mothers, did the housework and cooking so that the man could go to work. Today they are mainly in Africa and Asia.

Fr Andrew encourages us to pray for the Beatification of Fr d'Alzon

O Lord Jesus Christ who rule heaven and earth it was by your will that Fr Emmanuel d'Alzon was born into the world, to extend your kingdom here below. to come to the defence of your rights and to found a religious family committed to serving you. We humbly ask your to reward your servant with due honour and as a sign of the glory you wish to make known in him to grant us the favours we ask of you. Amen



Amoris Laetitia the joy of love 302 *Love made fruitful - An expanding fruitfulness*

The choice of adoption and foster care expresses a particular kind of fruitfulness in the marriage experience, and not only in cases of infertility.

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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