



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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1st – 8th October 2022 27th 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: Hab 1:2-3;2:2-4, 2 Tim 1:6-8.13-14, Luke 17:5-10

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Psalm: **O that today you would listen to his voice!**

Harden not your hearts!

Intercession: Lord in your Mercy

Response: **Hear our Prayer!**

Next Week: Kings 5:14-17, Tim 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

Ramblings Through Timothy Paul tells us that *God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control.* Believing this and living this, however, can be very, very different. Like the apostles and disciples, we ask God to strengthen our faith so that we may live it more deeply, more fully. As always, the evils of war, especially in Ukraine, has had a disturbing effect on our lives. We could spend much time looking to blame others for this but, wherever the blame falls, we still have to face the situation we experience now. Faith calls us to be particularly aware of the most vulnerable in society, not focus on ourselves. Given the rising costs of utilities and food the number of vulnerable people is growing.

*In reflecting on your faith, it is worth pondering: Do I really believe that **God is for me?** Take a deep breath and consider the ways God has been at work in your life. Place yourself in the company of the New Testament disciples. You, too, are a follower of Jesus. Whatever has happened to the disciples in Scripture is happening to you. You are being healed. Your eyes and ears are being opened. Your feet are being washed. Bread is being broken for you. The One on the cross is hanging there for you. It is fairly obvious that **God is for you**, and although it is likely you will, at times, encounter those who seem to be against you, simply focus on the truth that **God is for you**. Nothing can take God's love away from you. It is, however, essential that you practice believing this with courage and with love. So, why not start today?*

Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr, O.S.B.

As previously advised, there will be an event in the Hall and Committee Rooms all day next **Saturday 8 October 2022**. Please bear that in mind when coming to Mass that day as the car park may be busy. Many thanks.

Diary Dates

Sun 2 Oct	
	Coffee Morning after 8.30am and 10.30am Masses in aid of the Society for the Unborn Child (SPUC)
Monday 3 Oct	
6pm Beavers & 7.15pm Cubs Scout Hall	
Tuesday 4 Oct	
10.30am Coffee Morning Hall *****	
4.30pm FHC non faith schools Hall *****	
7pm Scouts Scout Hall	
Wed 5 Oct	
4.30pm FHC (non-faith schools) *****	
6pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hall *****	
7pm RCIA EC	
Thurs 6 Oct	
1pm Italian Club Hall *****	
6.30pm Brownies Scout Hall	
Fri 7 Oct	
2-4pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall	
Sat 8 Oct	
1-3pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall	

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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

Next Sunday 9th Sept after all Masses there will be an appeal for the **CAFOD Harvest Fast** day. Envelopes provided can be left in black box.



Br Adams ordination update – Charmaine Ball has kindly offered to co-ordinate the reception after the ordination. Charmaine will need help with setting up and clearing. We also need to know what type of food people will be bringing savoury or sweet. You can contact Charmaine to find out what is needed most by contacting her at tonyandcharmaine@gmail.com or contacting her on **01462 850850**. You can also sign up on the sheet on the board in the porch.

The next **Youth Group session** will take place on **Friday 21 October 2022** between 6pm and 8pm in the Hall.

The session will include the three 'Fs'

- Fellowship
- Faith-The Commandments
- Food-pizza

All young people of secondary school age are welcome. For further details, please contact Rob at roberthitchcock@rcdow.org.uk

Other Dates

9th Oct 6.30 to 7.30 pm Churches Together in Hitchin Theological Society meet in St Mary's Church. The theme is 'The Problem of Evil' and the speakers are Phil Jackson of Zeo Church and Gary Bentley, the Chair of the Hertfordshire Christian Police Association. There will be the usual opportunity for general conversation on the theme and presentations. All welcome.

15th Oct 2022 - 29 Jan 2023

Back to the Drawing Board




An Exhibition of New Work Made in the Time of Covid by James Willis and Carl Laubin at North Hertfordshire Museum Brand Street Hitchin, Herts.SG5 1JE

17th Oct 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/>


Other items of interest

CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope in the Porch or go to www.cafod.org.uk/fastday.


 We rejoice that Br Adams has been called to ordination. At the same time we rejoice with another brother of our European Province called to priesthood, four deacons and five brothers who have been admitted to final vows. Please remember these young men in your prayers that they may all work for the Coming of the Kingdom.

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

Lord Jesus Christ who rules 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 you 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 303** *Love made fruitful - An expanding fruitfulness*
Christian families are called to make their mark on society, finding other expressions of fruitfulness. 'Faith does not remove us from the world, but draws us more deeply into it.'
(Meeting with Families in Manila, 16.1.2015).

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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