



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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12th - 19th November 2022 33rd 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: Mal 3:19-20, Thess 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19
Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place
Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.
Intercession: We pray to the Lord
Response: Lord, hear us!
Next Week Readings: Sam 5:1-3, Col 1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43

Ramblings

Not many leaders, if any, will talk about destruction, betrayal and rejection if you choose to follow them. Jesus did. When Luke wrote his gospel the temple had already been destroyed and Jerusalem raised to the ground.


Fortunately (or unfortunately) the Gospel could not be more apt for us today. Creation is crumbling around us, with fires, floods, earthquakes, starvation, migration. The eco system is gradually being eroded. It will not need the Romans to bring about destruction, we are doing it ourselves. The bible tells us that God has come to our aide and healed the destruction we have caused. God could do the same for us but we have to show that we are doing everything in our power not to waste our utilities, are reaching out to those in need and are willing to go without to make this possible. Despite everything we have done to creation, it is still crying out to help us. It has the power and the will to renew itself and help create a better future for us if we provide it with the opportunity to do so. Like God its creator, Creation wants to give us life so let's help it!! Here is the news: the Earth is crying Here is the truth - our lives will change Here is God's will - for love and justice Here is the chance to read the signs.

As Jesus warned with loving stories as Jonah's awful news hit home as even ultimatum heals us truth breaks the chains we've made our own. Truth threatens yet also gives access to blessings the stories always are diverse: hope truly exceeding hope's rational grounding flows from our trust in God, love's source.

So ears and eyes, and minds wide open are gates and portals for God's care. So Jesus' teachings speak directly to lived experience; now, and here!

Diary Dates

Sun 13 Nov

 **Coffee Morning** after 8.30am and 10.30am Masses in support of the One World Group. This Sunday's One World/Live Simply coffee mornings will be to support Casa Alianza, a charity which helps homeless people in Central America. Cakes, preserves and books will also be on sale as well as Fairtrade goods. All are welcome.

6.30 to 7.30 pm Hitchin Theological Society is in St Mary's Church on the theme of Reconciliation and Forgiveness. All welcome.

Monday 14 Nov

3pm Live Simply Meeting Scout Hall

7.30pm PPC LCR

6pm Beavers & 7.15pm Cubs Scout Hall

Tuesday 15 Nov

10.30am Coffee Morning Hall

6.45pm FHC Session 4 Hall

7pm Scouts Scout Hall

Wed 16 Nov St Edmund of Abingdon

4.30pm FHC Non Faith Schools LCR

6pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hall

7pm RCIA EC

Thurs 17 Nov

1pm Italian Club Hall

6.30pm Brownies Scout Hall

Fri 18 Nov

2-4pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall

6pm Clothes Swap Hall

Sat 19 Nov

1-3pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall

Please note there is **no** 10am morning Mass, Adoration or Reconciliation on **12th November** as we will be celebrating the Ordination of Br Adams at 12pm.

 **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 **10.30 Mass** on **Sunday 13th Nov** will be the **first Mass** celebrated by the newly ordained **Fr Adams**.

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The **Fairtrade stall** is open after 8.30 and 10.30 Masses **this weekend**. Get your Fairtrade items and maybe some early Christmas shopping or order items from Frances. This is a cash or cheque stall!

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Other Dates

Next Sunday 20th Nov is Christ the King Sunday and the end of liturgical Year C. This will be supported by the children, governors and Headteacher from Our Lady School as part of Youth Sunday which is celebrated on this feast day. There will be children's liturgy session for children in the hall from the start of Mass and the younger children (pre-school and reception) are welcome to come into the hall with Trish after the Gospel.

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Applications for the **Confirmation 2023 programme** are now open please find more details [here](#).

The sessions will commence in



January, they are open to anyone who is school year 9 and above. Any questions please do get in touch. Please note: as part of the application process, you will need to upload a copy of your Baptism Certificate if you were not baptised here at Our Lady's.



Our Lady School Admissions evening 15th November 7pm

For applications to the school for the next academic year you require a Certificate of Catholic practice. Fr Tom asks you to have a meeting with him about this. There is no need to bring the child or children concerned. Please make sure that you give as much information as you can about yourselves, asking yourselves the question: "Why is Our Lady's the School for my son or daughter, or children?" Fr Tom can then issue the Certificate of Catholic Practice. There are slots for meetings from 16th-18th November. Please sign up for a slot on the board in the church porch.

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Other items of interest

White Peace Poppies will be available at Christchurch on Sunday Nov 13th before the morning services.

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Message from The **Flower Group** –


Thank you for your help and support for our coffee morning last Sunday - and thanks to our generous parishioners we raised £161. 56p.


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One World/Live Simply Annual General Meeting


will be held on Monday 14th November at 3pm in the Scout Hall. Our guest speaker this year will be Mary Hewitson who will talk about her experience of hosting Ukrainian refugees. All are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

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 **Joy.** If you want to work for the Kingdom of God, you must retain your joy even when you are insulted or ill-treated - You must go to God with great joy and with the happiness of being at his service. E d'Alzon

 **Amoris Laetitia the joy of love 309** *Love made fruitful - An expanding fruitfulness*
Open and caring families find a place for the poor and build friendships with those less fortunate than themselves.

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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