



# 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 2020

5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 32<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:** [Macc7:1-2.9-14](#), [Thess 2:16-3:5](#), [Luke 20:27-38](#)

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.  
**Psalm:** **I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.**

**Intercession:** Lord in your Mercy

**Response:** **Hear our Prayer!**

**Next Week: Readings:** [Mal 3:19-20](#), [Thess 3:7-12](#), [Luke 21:5-19](#)

## Ramblings

Throughout life we go through a series of deaths and resurrections from child to teenager, teenager to adult, adult to elderly, even if we do not use that language. Medicine has always recommended positive thinking as a help to being cured and we have heard stories of people who were told they were going to die recovering. Some call this the power of positive thinking. Any athlete who has won a medal will testify to this.

Ronald Rolheiser puts it something like this:

*There is a belief that if you think positively, good things will happen to you. If you believe strongly enough in something, it will happen. If you persevere long enough in hope the good thing wished for will be given you. Faith, hope, and positive thinking make good things happen and resurrect life from its many deaths. This is a basis for many self-help philosophies and a many religious groups. The Christian, however, believes not only in the power of the human spirit but also in the power of God's grace. In other words, the power of God is a miraculous energy, an energy that can do for us what we cannot do for ourselves; energy that can do for us what nature, on its own, cannot do. The resurrection is about power entering our world and our lives from beyond, from God.*


If we are able to reflect on our lives in this way, the power of God bringing about the impossible, the easier it will be for us to welcome and embrace the Resurrection of Jesus and the resurrection of the dead. We will also believe that those who have departed this life live on and continue to love, support and sustain us, communicate with us and watch over us; and, most of all, **that we will meet again.**

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

## Diary Dates

### Sun 6 Nov

 **Coffee Morning** after 8.30am and 10.30am  
Masses in aid of the Flower Group

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**3pm In Memoriam service** for those in our parish who have died in the past year. We welcome all parishioners to this service where we read out the names of those who have died since our last service and pray for all those we have loved and who have died. Come and light a candle with us.

### Monday 7 Nov

**6pm Beavers & 7.15pm Cubs** Scout Hall

### Tuesday 8 Nov

**10.30am Coffee Morning** Hall

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**7pm Scouts** Scout Hall

**Wed 9 Nov Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**10.30am Praise Group** LCR

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**6pm Feed Up Warm Up** Scout Hall

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**7pm RCIA** EC

### Thurs 10 Nov **St Leo**

**1pm Italian Club** Hall

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**6.30pm Brownies** Scout Hall

### Fri 11 Nov **St Martin of Tours**

**10am Funeral Mass Ann Campbell.** May she rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort her family.

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**2-4pm Hitchin Pantry** Scout Hall

### Sat 12 Nov **St Josaphat**

**12pm Br Adams Ordination** followed by reception in hall

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**2-4pm Hitchin Pantry** Scout Hall

### Sun 13 Nov

**6.30 to 7.30 pm Hitchin Theological** in St Mary's Church. Theme **Reconciliation and Forgiveness**



## **Prayer diary**

Opportunities for communal prayer

**Tuesday 11.30am Meditation** Emmanuel Centre

**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 Saturday at 12 noon is the ordination of Br Adams.** In the porch there is a card for you to sign. Please sign on the back as well and if full go onto the additional sheet.

You can make a donation to the parish gift of a chalice for the new Fr Adams by using one of the envelopes provided and putting it in the black box on the wall on the inside of the church. We do hope you can join us for this special occasion in the life of our parish.

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Further to the recent coffee morning for small local charity, Cancer Hair Care, £259.40 was raised!! Thank you for your generous contributions and thank you to Peter Rock and all volunteers to help make the coffee morning possible.

Also, The Live Simply Group raised £103.71 at last week's Coffee Morning! Thank you all for your generosity!

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**The Fairtrade stall** will be open after 8.30 and 10.30 Masses **next weekend**. An opportunity to get your Fairtrade items and maybe some early Christmas shopping or ordering items from Frances. This is a cash or cheque stall!



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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.



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**Our Lady School Admissions evening 15<sup>th</sup> November 7pm** – see overleaf for details. 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 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November. Please sign up for a slot on the board in the church porch.

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**Sick and retired Priests Fund.** There are envelopes in the porch if you wish to support the fund which ensures that the sick and retired priestss in our Diocese are cared for at their time of need, after years of service to God and their parishioners. The fund is used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest. It could ensure that a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery. If you wish to donate please put all envelopes in the black box on the wall just inside the church doors.

### **Other Dates**

**Starting Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 'Home is Where the Hert is: Stories from Hertfordshire's British South Asian Community'** is an exhibition and documentary featuring local British South Asians and how they challenged conventions of what it means to be brown in a small English town. Co-produced by Mandeep Kaur Nijjer of Red Media Love and Grewal Twins, the exhibition delves into the lives of six local residents; Kalvinder, Usha, Sandy, Joban, Pavenn and Mandeep and their experiences of being raised as second-generation children of immigrants.

in Holy Saviour Church, Radcliffe Road. It will be open on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>& 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am-12pm & 2pm- 4pm Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November 10am - 12pm All welcome - free admission

**Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 9.15am-1pm**

**UNCONDITIONAL**  
A CONFERENCE FOR THERAPISTS AND ANYONE WORKING TO SUPPORT MARGINALISED PEOPLE

**IS THERAPY REACHING THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST?**

**Monday November 21st**  
**09:15 - 13:00**  
unconditional-conference.eventbrite.co.uk

356 HOLLOWAY RD.  
LONDON N7 6PA

The conference is open to anybody working with marginalised people, supporting organisations that work with vulnerable people, or who is interested in the care of our most vulnerable, and

the morning will feature speakers, group discussions and networking.

To book a place, or for more information, please see our [Eventbrite page \(unconditional-conference.eventbrite.co.uk\)](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and use the promo code STRETTALK to book for no charge.

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30-9.30 pm North Herts Interfaith Forum AGM** at the Ravidassia Multicultural Centre, Knowl Piece, Wilbury Way, Hitchin SG4 0TY. Easy to find and easy to park. Light refreshments. We are honoured to be joined by two guests who will talk to us about Being a Sikh and Being a Muslim.

### Other items of interest

#### White Peace Poppies

Kathleen Tuck of Christchurch has once again arranged for the sale of white peace poppies for those who wish to buy them to support the work of the Peace Pledge Union. They will be available at Christchurch on Sunday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and Nov 13<sup>th</sup> before the morning services. Kathleen comments: *We remember how fragile peace is and how conditions to create peaceful solutions need to be worked for. Remember the suffering of Ukraine and some Russias at this time!*

**Admissions Evening**

7pm | Tuesday 15th November

Places available for September 2023.

You're invited to visit Our Lady Catholic Primary School for our Admissions evening.

**Ofsted Good Provider**

'Pupils benefit from a broad curriculum that develops their interests. They make good progress and are well-prepared for the next stage of their education.'

- Ofsted 2022

Our Lady School is part of the Diocese of Westminster Academy Trust (DoWAT), a consistently top-performing Multi-Academy Trust in the country.

**DoWAT**

Our Lady Catholic Primary School is 'friendly and welcoming' where 'pupils are happy and enjoy learning'. - Ofsted 2022

Our inclusive, welcoming school is proud to welcome families from all faiths and none. Our small classes and dedicated teams make sure our children flourish.

Scan this code with your phone's camera to visit our website and find out more about booking your place at our Admissions Evening or booking an Admissions Tour

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Lord may I learn to love you through Jesus Christ; may I serve you by the grace of Jesus Christ and may I love you forever in the love of Jesus Christ, the only one whom I can go through to you. E d'Alzon

**Amoris Laetitia the joy of love 308** *Love made fruitful - An expanding fruitfulness*  
 God has given the family the job of 'domesticating' the world (Catechesis 16.9.2015) and helping each person to see fellow human beings as brothers and sisters.

**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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**Once again.....** Trish is in the Wintershall nativity and still not offering any space in her Inn to a young couple in need. The Nativity is a great

drama for all ages and includes sheep and a donkey and horses. It is a wonderful experience for all the family. Do consider coming this year.



# THE NATIVITY JOURNEY

A PLAY FOR ALL THE FAMILY

14 - 19 DECEMBER 2022

BOOK NOW!



## Come and enjoy the real Christmas story at Wintershall

Walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey on the winding, steep road to Bethlehem. Register for the census and journey with other travellers, Roman soldiers and shepherds as you enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold.

The Wintershall Nativity Journey is an unforgettable experience, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to life for the whole family.

Each performance lasts approximately 90 minutes.

*Please note that some scenes are performed outside and some inside Holly Barn theatre, your visit includes a 10 minute walk up a steep hill. Limited disabled parking is available for those who need it most next to Holly Barn Theatre but this must be pre-booked by emailing [admin@wintershall.org.uk](mailto:admin@wintershall.org.uk).*

Holly Barn, Bramley, Guildford GU5 0LR.



Book tickets **now** on our website:  
[www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk)  
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