



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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27th May – 3rd June 2023 – PENTECOST - Year A

A Prayer for Asylum Seekers and Refugees: Lord Jesus, you call us to welcome members of God's family who come here to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Help us not be fearful, doubtful or suspicious. Help us welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, realize that you call us to learn the ways of peace and justice, share of our abundance and witness to your love for everyone, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Ramblings Once the Spirit of God filled their lives, the apostles lost their fear and went out to people from many different nations gathering in Jerusalem for the feast of weeks, Shavuot. It was not that the apostles spoke different languages but that the listeners of different nationalities and languages were able to understand them. It was the listeners who were gifted with the ability to understand the apostles in their own language. The Spirit was so effective that many were converted and believed in the good news of Jesus. So, the Holy Spirit began by enlightening the Apostles and filling them with courage to go out and preach. The same Spirit opened the ears, eyes and minds of those gathered in Jerusalem to embrace the Good News. It was not so much the preaching that won people to Jesus but that the minds of their listeners were opened to the Spirit that lived in the words that they spoke. Becoming temples of the Holy Spirit in baptism means that the Spirit can work through all the baptised to bring people to Jesus. It is the Holy Spirit who brings us together, brings us to God, to Jesus, and to each other, to a place where we know we belong:

For Belonging by John O'Donohue

- May you listen to your longing to be free.
- May the frames of your belonging be generous enough for your dreams.
- May you arise each day with a voice of blessing whispering in your heart.
- May you find a harmony between your soul and your life.
- May the sanctuary of your soul never become haunted.
- May you know the eternal longing that lives at the heart of time.
- May there be kindness in your gaze when you look within.

Readings: Acts: 2:1-11, 1Cor 12:3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Psalm: **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

Intercession: Lord, hear us


Response: **Lord, graciously hear us!**

Next Week: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9, Cor 13:11-13, John 3:16-18

May you never place walls between the light and yourself.

May you allow the wild beauty of the invisible world to gather you, mind you, and embrace you in belonging.

Diary Dates

Sun 28 May	
	Coffee Morning after 8.30am and 10.30am in support of Zoe's Place.
Mon 29 May	
6pm & 7.15pm Beavers/Cubs Half Term	
Tues 30 May	
10.30am "Tuesday Chat" Hall *****	
2pm Craft Circle LCR *****	
7pm Scouts Scout Hall Half Term	
Weds 31 May Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
6pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hall *****	
7pm RCIA EC	
Thurs 1 June	
Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest	
10.30am St Pio Meeting Hall *****	
6.30pm Brownies Scout Hall	
Fri 2 June St Charles Lwanga & companions	
10.30am-3.30pm Community hub Coffee after morning Mass. Do pop in. *****	
2-4pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall *****	
2.30pm Scripture Fr Andrew Christopher House	
Sat 3 June	
1-3pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall	

Next Sunday 4th June 3pm Healing and Wholeness Service in the church. Join us if you want to pray for yourself or others and receive the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick and/or Reconciliation.

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** UCR
- Thursday** 6.30pm **Meditation** Emmanuel Centre
All are welcome for private prayer at any time in the church which is open 8.30am - 7pm

Thank you to all who supported the Coffee Morning last week in aid of The One World, Live Simply Group. A total of £95.20 was raised for FUWU.

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We welcome into the Family of the Parish, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Zariah Sobrevega**: we pray for the Family as they start this important time in their lives – the life of Faith.



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On Wednesday 21st June at 7pm we will be holding a Bereavement service for all those who have anyone they wish to remember in prayer. All parishioners are very welcome to attend. There will be light refreshments served afterwards. (Apologies for incorrect date in a recent email)

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Saturday July 8th we would like to host a tea in the parish gardens from **3.30pm** for new and existing parishioners to get to know each other. We need volunteers to help organise this. If anyone is willing to help with this please let [Trish](#) know as soon as possible.

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Eucharistic Ministry training Are you a confirmed Catholic willing to support the parish by being a Eucharistic minister and helping with the

distribution of Communion under both kinds at Mass? If so there is a training course on Thursday 1st June 2023 at 7pm or Thursday 8th June 2023 at 7pm in the Church. Please contact [Trish](#) if you wish to attend.

Other items of interest



The Life of Christ is 27 June - 1 July. With a new Jesus and many young people in the cast it is a very exciting for Trish as a member of the cast, feeling fresh and very uplifting. **We need families or just you to come to the Life of Christ on Saturday 1 July 10am-2.30pm.** Bring your friends and a picnic to this beautiful location - cakes, teas and coffees are available onsite. Be uplifted and encouraged by the Jesus story.


If you would like to come and can make the 1st July please sign up on the board. It is probably too expensive to book a coach so I am hoping to sort car shares between the people who can come. Please indicate on the sign up sheet if you are able to be a driver.


Adult ticket £28 Child ticket (3-18yrs) £15
Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £70

[Book tickets here](#)


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Message from SPUC. Thank you so much for your donation of £192. Your generous gift will help us to protect mothers and babies from abortion. Every unborn child has a unique gift to offer to the human family – and each and every one of our supporters has a unique gift to offer to our SPUC family. Thank you for the role that you are playing in our battle on behalf of unborn babies.

 What is the Holy Spirit ? It is the holiness of God who comes to act in your soul so that Jesus Christ may be formed in you. It is by the Holy Spirit that prayer becomes an act of love and a prelude to eternal union with God (E d'Alzon)

 **Amoris Laetitia the joy of love 337** *Love made fruitful - Life in the wider family - Being sons and daughters* Listening to the elderly tell you their stories is good for children and young people; it makes them feel connected to the living history of their families, their neighbourhoods and their country.

We are a Safeguarding parish EduCare (now part of Tes) safeguarding leaflets can be downloaded from our website at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/diocese/safeguarding-in-our-parishes/>
Safeguarding representatives: Trish Bonnett and Maria Greene via 01462 459126

 If you have a need for prayer, please contact **Mary** on **07759195487** and let her know your prayer intentions

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