



# 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 2050

3<sup>rd</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - Year A

**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:** Ex 34:4-6.8-9, Cor 13:11-13, John 3:16-18  
**Entrance Antiphon:** Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.  
**Psalm:** **To you glory and praise for evermore.**  
**Intercession:** Lord in your mercy  
**Response:** **Hear our Prayer!**  
**Next Week:** Deut 8:2-3.14-16, Cor 10:16-17, John 6:51-52

**Ramblings** In his Gospel, St John greets us with these words: “*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.*” God’s love for us is so profound that he wanted us to feel and touch his great love in the person of Jesus. This LOVE, however, was so immense that it, too, was given a name, the Holy Spirit! It is impossible to love the Son without loving the Father and the Holy Spirit!

So, what does it mean to believe in God’s only Son, to believe in Jesus Christ?

It is not something done with our heads or said with our lips, it is much, much more. It is a belief that recognises Jesus as the source of all life. No Jesus – no life! It recognises that all our gifts, abilities, virtues and talents find their source in Jesus. It recognises that the air we breathe overflows with the presence of God. It recognises the presence of God in everyone - yes everyone - and in everything created such that we treat everyone and anything with the utmost reverence, dignity and respect. God said to Moses in the wilderness, “*Take off your shoes, the ground you stand upon is Holy!*”

God’s love is present in every form of true love and especially in the love we have for each other. God’s love is expressed in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist which goes far beyond sight and touch. It teaches us the importance and value of spending time in adoration because it helps us become more aware of God’s presence everywhere.

**“I strain toward God; God strains toward me.  
I ache for God; God aches for me.  
Prayer is mutual yearning, mutual straining,  
mutual aching.”.**

(Macrina Wiederkehr osb)

## Diary Dates

<b>Sun 4 June</b>	
	<b>Coffee Morning</b> after 8.30am and 10.30am in support of <b>Our Lady’s Special Support Group</b> . All are welcome.
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	<b>3pm Healing and Wholeness Service</b> 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. 
<b>Mon 5 June Saint Boniface</b>	
6pm & 7.15pm Beavers/Cubs	
<b>Tues 6 June</b>	
10.30am “Tuesday Chat” Hall *****	
2pm Craft Circle LCR *****	
7pm Confirmation Session 10 Hall *****	
7pm Scouts Scout Hall	
<b>Weds 7 June</b>	
4.30pm FHC Non-Faith Schools Hall *****	
6pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hall *****	
7pm RCIA EC	
<b>Thurs 8 June</b>	
6.30pm Brownies Scout Hall	
<b>Fri 9 June</b>	
10.30am-3.30pm <b>Community hub</b> Coffee after morning Mass. Do pop in. *****	
2-4pm <b>Hitchin Pantry</b> Scout Hall *****	
2.30pm <b>Scripture</b> Fr Andrew Christopher House *****	
6pm-8pm <b>Youth Group</b> Hall Year 9 and above welcome for <b>Faith, Food &amp; Fun</b> with Rob, Fr Adams and others, every fortnight.	

**Diary Dates cont....**

**Sat 10 June**

- 11.30am FHC Session 14 Practice Church**  
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- 1-3pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall**  
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- 3.30pm Baptism Course 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** 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*

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



We pray for **Domenico Franco** whose funeral is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 11.30am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. May the Lord comfort his family.



Please remember that our **5pm Mass** on Sunday is returning on Sunday 11th June. We need to demonstrate that at least 30 people are attending this Mass regularly to be able to continue Mass at this time. If this is a Mass you have attended regularly in the past we look forward to seeing you at it again.

On **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7pm** we are 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. If you plan to attend could you let [Cheryl](#) know so we can cater accordingly.

**Saturday July 8th** we plan to host a tea in the parish gardens (or hall if it is wet) from 3.30pm for new and existing parishioners to get to know each other. We need more volunteers to help organise this. If anyone is willing to help with this please let Trish know as soon as possible. We hope lots of parishioners will attend and if you plan to attend please can you sign up on the sheet in the porch.

**Progress on Stained Glass Windows**

Great progress is being made this week. They have almost finished replacing the glass in the hall and the first of the Stained glass is up in the church and we had a trial lighting of it as you can see to the right. The other two will be in place later on next week.



**Other Dates**

**11<sup>th</sup> June 6.30 to 7.30pm Hitchin Theological Society** in St Mary's Church. The theme is 'Why pray?' There will be presentations by Steve Jackson, the Rev Elizabeth Bunker and Father Tom O'Brien and the usual time for conversation at the end. All welcome.

**12th June 7.30 pm CTH Council meeting** at Tilehouse Street Baptist Church. Reports followed by a session on how churches are responding to the needs of refugees and asylum seekers in Hitchin. All welcome to attend.

**Fr d'Alzon reflections.** We are of the family of Jesus Christ, we have the same Father who is God, we have the same brother Jesus Christ; we have the same Spirit, through whom charity fills our souls. If this is the case, what are we to do but become worthy of such a Father, of such a Brother, and such a source of love ?

**Amoris Laetitia the joy of love 338** *Love made fruitful - Life in the wider family - Being sons and daughters* A family that respects and cherishes its grandparents who are its living memory, helps children sink roots into the rich soil of a collective history.

**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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