



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, 5pm
Monday – Saturday 10am
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am
during Exposition. All Masses are
livestreamed [Livestream Mass](#)

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17th June – 24th June 2023 – 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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.

Readings: Deut 11:18.26-28.32, Rom 3:21-25.28, Matt 7:21-27

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Psalm: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Intercession: Lord, hear us

Response: Lord, graciously hear us!

Next Week: Deut 11:18.26-28.32, Rom 3:21-25.28, Matt 7:21-27

Ramblings It is so easy to find excuses for something we don't wish to do. This week we are offered the perfect excuse for not trying to preach the gospel. The apostles were able to cure sickness and disease and even raise people from the dead as they spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Added to that, they knew Jesus personally and could speak from first hand experience. We can do none of that and so we fail to try. On reflection this means that we do not trust God to help us despite his promises and his appeal for us to trust him. Yet, Jesus places his full trust in us to fulfil his will and be Good News to all those we encounter. He happily takes us just as we are, warts and all!!

One evening, a family went out to a local restaurant. Everyone received a menu, even the youngest, Aimee, who was 6 years old. When the waitress took their orders, she came to Aimee last of all.

"And, what would you like to eat, young lady?" she asked. Aimee answered, "I will have a hamburger, French fries and a large coke".

"No!", said her mother. "She will have a small salad with low fat dressing, baked chicken, carrots and boiled rice". "And milk to drink", added in her father.

The waitress looked at Aimee and asked, "Would you like ketchup or mustard on your hamburger"? She said, "Ketchup with some fried onions on top please. Oh, and put a very small piece of lettuce on top to please my parents. Thank you very much".

As the waitress walked away to place the order, Aimee turned toward her family and said, "You know what? She thinks I'm real".

Jesus not only thinks we are real, Jesus knows we are capable of great things especially in bringing people into the kingdom of God!!

Diary Dates

Sun 18 June



Coffee Morning after 8.30am and 10.30am in support of **One World/Live Simply Group**. Proceeds from this will

go to support 'Freedom from Torture', a charity which supports and helps victims of torture and abuse. All are welcome. Cakes, preserves and books will be on sale including a number suitable for pre-school children.

Mon 19 June

6pm & 7.15pm Beavers/Cubs

Tue 20 June St Alban & World Refugee Day

10.30am "Tuesday Chat" Hall

2pm Craft Circle LCR

7pm Confirmation Session 12 Hall

7pm Scouts Scout Hall

Weds 21 June St Aloysius Gonzaga

4.30pm FHC Non Faith Schools Hall

6pm Feed Up Warm Up Scout Hall

7pm RCIA EC

7.30pm Bereavement Service Church

Thurs 22 June Sts John Fisher & Thomas More

6.30pm Brownies Scout Hall

Fri 23 June International Day of Prayer for Emergency Services

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

6pm Youth Group Hall Food, Fun and Faith

Sat 24 June Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

1-3pm Hitchin Pantry Scout Hall

2.30pm FHC Mass Church followed by Reception in the 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

This weekend 18th June the Fair Trade stall will be open after the 8.30 and 10.30 Masses for all your fair trade items.



£234.01 was raised for Parkinson's UK last Sunday. Thank you for all the help and support.



We pray for **Maria Mareri** whose funeral is on **Thursday 22 June 2023 at 10am**. May she rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort her family.

Coffee Mornings We still have two slots available – **Sunday 2 July** and **Sunday 30 July**. If you would like to host a Coffee Morning on either (or both!) of these dates, please let Cheryl in the office know. Many thanks.

Monday 26th June at 7pm Young adults Social - Parish Pals A young adults social (18-35) inside Church. A chance to meet like-minded people and have a moment to connect with God.

Due to low numbers of people and no new parishioners signing up for **8th July tea** we will postpone this event to the autumn when we can arrange something with our new parish priest Fr Justin.

Cook required for Priests during the week The lady who has been cooking for our Priests over the past few years is leaving the area and we

need to find someone who is interested in providing this service which is a paid position. A main course and simple pudding to be provided by 1pm Monday-Friday. You can cook in the presbytery kitchen or cook in your own home and bring to the church. It is possible to bring cooked meals for two days at a time if that works better. If this is of interest to you please contact Cheryl in the parish office in the first instance – cherylsaunders@rcdow.org.uk or 01462 459126.

Scouts need your help: the scouts keep their camping equipment in an old horse box which is currently stored in Shillington. We are looking for a more local spot to store this horse box - so that we can access the camping and bbq items as needed. Please call or text **Chrissi Evans** on **07811 328798** if you can help with this request.

Message from Hitchin Police Station – there is an increase in parking outside the Police Station opposite the church car park. This is not allowed by the Police and you are asked to refrain from parking here.



A parishioner is going to our Lady of Guadalupe and is willing to bring prayers requests to the Basilica in Mexico. There will be a small image of Our Lady in front of the Altar and you can put your prayer envelopes in the basket which will be collected on 25th June.

Other items of interest

CAFOD Community Participation Co-ordinator Full time role. Involves both recruitment and support of existing team of Volunteers. To inspire and resource volunteers to work with parish and school communities. Further details on web page. cafod.org.uk/job (Closing Date 25/6) Other jobs available in the Diocese can be seen at [Job Vacancies](#)

Fr d'Alzon reflections. Imitate Jesus Christ. Be what he is, in silence, in the self-forgetfulness of the tabernacle. He is there, the author and the greatest embodiment of grace, ready for all, kind to all, whoever we may be.

Amoris Laetitia the joy of love 340 *Love made fruitful - Life in the wider family - Being sons and daughters* In the family, we learn how to live as one. Perhaps we do not always think about this, but the family itself introduces fraternity into the world.

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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