

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

HOLY THURSDAY

8.00pm

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Watching at the Altar of Repose

Until 11.00pm

Night Prayer at 10.50pm

GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am

Walk of the Witness

(from Rothamsted Park gates)

11.30

Children's Station's of the Cross

3.00pm

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

7.30pm

Prayer at the Tomb

HOLY SATURDAY

11.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm

EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at

8.30am, 9.45am and 11.30am

HOLY WEEK TIMES

If you haven't already collected a leaflet with all the times of the events of Holy Week. Do take one after Mass and also for anyone who would appreciate a copy.

'BE RECONCILED'

Celebrating Reconciliation, going to confession, is an important part of our Lenten Journey, and our preparation for Easter. In addition to the regular times of confession there is the Parish Penitential Service on Monday of Holy Week, April 10th, at 7.30pm.

Confession is an indispensable part of our Christian lives, so do think about taking up this opportunity.

WALK OF WITNESS

Parishioners from the different Christian Churches in Harpenden will be participating in the 'Walk of Witness' on Good Friday. The 'Walk' begins in Rothamsted Park at 10.30am, and continues through the town to Church Green, for a short service there. Do think about coming, and witnessing to your faith on this very special day.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS

Our Children's Stations of the Cross will be at 11.30am on Good Friday (14th April), and last about 45 minutes. This is a really good opportunity for children to understand and take part in Christ's Passion. Children take the parts in the form of a tableau for each station. We are looking for children (Years 3-6) to take part in the service. We need about 12 actors (no speaking parts), who need to be **at the rehearsal in Church on Thursday 13th April at 10am to 11.30am**, and then be in church by 11am on Good Friday. If your child wants to be part of the service please email Ginny (ginny.sjg@gmail.com) or phone 01582 620322 by Friday 7th April. In the event of getting too many

volunteers we will take the first names on the list.

ALTAR SERVERS

Servers are needed for all the Masses, and liturgies, during Holy Week. Servers who are available to serve are asked to sign the list in the sacristy. There will be practices for all the celebrations, as follows: For Maundy Thursday Mass, Wednesday 12th at 6.30pm, for Good Friday, Wednesday 12th at 7.15pm, and for the Easter Vigil Saturday 15th at 10.00am.

EASTER CROSS

Churches Together in Harpenden will be placing an Easter Cross, during Holy Week, on the green near the War Memorial. You are invited to place flowers on the cross on Easter Sunday morning to celebrate Christ's Resurrection.

LENTEN ALMS??

It is a tradition in the Church to donate what we save through self-denial to Lenten Alms. This year the Cardinal has asked that the Lenten Alms collection be directed to the Cardinal's Appeal fund. The funds raised will go to serve the evangelisation of youth, to develop marriage and family life projects, and to provide service in society, especially to those on the margins. To date £220.03 has been donated, thank you for your generosity. Please take a leaflet, read and pray about this. Envelopes are available at the back of church today – you can make a Lenten Gift by placing your offering in the designated box near Our Lady's

Altar, or by using one of the envelopes, and returning it to the Parish Office.

EASTER CARDS AND BOOKS

The Repository now has a number of Easter cards together with a selection of children's reading and activity books specifically for Easter. These will help children understand this important feast. Come and have a look

PARISH OFFICE

This coming week the Parish Office will be open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to **Sienna Lily-Rose Keane**, daughter of David & Harriet, who was baptised into the Catholic Church last weekend. We wish her and her family every blessing as she starts her new life in Christ.

CARING FOR THE HOMELESS

From time to time on the street, or in church as has been happening recently, you may be asked to give money to someone who is homeless, or hungry. Although well intentioned it is, usually, not advisable to give any money. If it is possible it is more helpful to offer some food, such as a sandwich.

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you very much for the contributions for the Easter Flowers last week. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of a loved one, price £4.00. Please write the name of the loved one on an envelope, place the money inside and return to the parish office.

