



WALK OF WITNESS

People from all the Churches in Harpenden get together on **Good Friday** to walk through the town in an act of public witness of what the day is about. The walk includes two prayer stops. This is a well worthwhile event – do give it a try! Starts at 10.30 at Rothamsted Park gates.

HOLY WEEK TIMES

You can collect a leaflet today with all the times of the events of Holy Week. Do take one after Mass and also for anyone who would appreciate a copy. Also try to make this a whole week event if you can.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Monday 7.30pm – This is the main provision for Confession this Holy Week. Don't miss out. It is a very good way to prepare for the Great Feast this week, especially if you have not made it to Confession for some time.

HOLY WEEK MEDITATION

This **Wednesday at 7.30pm** there will be a short Holy Week Mediation, with music, poetry and prayer led by Our Lady of Lourdes & High Street Methodist Choirs. The 45 min service will be held here at Our Lady of Lourdes and promises to be a beautiful event for family and friends.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS

Our Children's Stations of the Cross will be at **11.30am** on Good Friday **25th March** and last around 45 minutes. This is a really good opportunity for children to understand and take part in Christ's Passion on Good Friday. Children take parts in the form of a tableau for each Station (no speaking parts). We need about 12 actors from years 3–6. Rehearsal will be in Church on Friday morning 25th March at 9:00am, before the stations at 11:30. Please provide a drink and a snack for your child for during the break before the Stations of the Cross. If your child wants to be part of the service please contact Ginny on 01582 620322 ginny.sjg@gmail.com. In the event of getting too many volunteers we will take the first names on the list.

IMPORTANT WORK

From time to time it becomes important to recruit more people to help with serving on the sanctuary at Mass. This is a very special ministry. Those in the First Holy Communion class become eligible once they have received their First Communion. Get your child to start thinking about applying now. The list to apply will be open in May.

ST PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH

On behalf of Sr. Margaret and the people of the Barcelona settlement, South Africa, a huge THANK YOU to the Ladies' group who organised our very enjoyable fundraising celebration. Thank you to all who supported us and helped to raise the magnificent sum of £730. You truly make a difference. Sr. Regina.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

HOLY THURSDAY

8.00pm

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

11.00pm to midnight
Prayer in the Garden

GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am

Walk of Witness

(from Rothamsted Park gates)

11.30am

Children's Stations of the Cross

3.00pm

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

7.30pm-8.15pm.

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

PIGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 9th July. Join Cardinal Vincent Nichols to 'England's Nazareth' during the Year of Mercy. The day includes Mass, Procession with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and Benediction. Bring a picnic lunch. Travel is by coach. Like to come. Details please on the list in the vestibule.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

The Group has agreed to donate £9,000 to a project in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka. The money will be used to construct a building to be used as a sewing centre (to make school bags etc) by self-employed women and to train young girls so they can be self-sufficient. Our next project will be in Zimbabwe. We will fund the first two classrooms of a school for 7 to 13 year olds in Nkaai, Zimbabwe. There is no school for children in this poor area at present. The building work will be carried out by local people for free and our money will go towards building materials. The Sisters leading the project, report that Council planning permission should be granted by April. Further information on both projects will be provided later, and at the Group's 18 April meeting to which parishioners are welcome (please contact Julia Roche for details). Parishioners donated £43.31 in cash over 22 February-12 March, as well as £312 in Standing Orders in February. Our Gift Aid for 2014/5 has been paid, so that the total for the year is £788. Thank you all for your generosity.

ALTAR SERVERS

We have to stress the need for altar servers as there are many roles to be carried out for the services. So the more the servers, the easier it is.

REHEARSALS:

Holy Thursday 4.00pm

Good Friday 09:30am

Easter Vigil 11.30am

The Practices for Holy Thursday and Good Friday and Easter Vigil should be about 30 minutes 30 minutes.