



Monday 26th March

Reconciliation Service 7.30pm

Tuesday 27th March

Mass of the Chrism – Westminster Cathedral
12.00 noon



HOLY THURSDAY 29th March MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 8.00PM

Watching at the Altar of Repose until 11.00pm
Night Prayer at 10.50pm

GOOD FRIDAY 30th March

Walk of Witness 10.30am (from
Rothamsted Park gates)
Children's Stations of the Cross
11.30am



LITURGY OF THE PASSION 3.00PM

Prayer at the Tomb 7.30pm

HOLY SATURDAY 31st March

Morning Prayer 11.00am
EASTER VIGIL 8.00PM



EASTER SUNDAY 1st April

Masses at 8.30am, 9.45am &
11.30am

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Details of everything that is taking place during Holy Week and Easter will be found on the leaflet available today. Do collect one, and if you know of someone who no longer comes to church you might think of taking one for them.

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers will be needed for all the liturgies of Holy Week. Servers who can assist are asked to sign the lists in the sacristy, and to note the times of the practices.

LENT TRIVIA (Answers overleaf)

1. In today's gospel, Jesus came to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. What does the Passover celebrate?
2. What is the Easter Triduum?
3. What does Holy Saturday commemorate?

As we continue through Lent towards Holy Week, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, we are asked not to rush, not to start preparations for the resurrection, but to wait, to understand our own powerlessness. Pathways to God (www.pathwaystogod.org) offer a series of reflections by the women of God, who have been present in Jesus's life.

'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 this Monday 26th March, 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.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS (30th MARCH)

Our children's Stations of the Cross will be at 11.30am on Good Friday (30th March), and we are looking for children (Years 3 – 6) to take part in the service. We need about 12 actors

(no speaking parts). As the schools do not finish until Thursday 29th, this year, we will have the rehearsal on the Friday morning before the service at 11.30am. The children will need to be in church at 9.30am. If your child wants to be part of the service please email Ginny (ginny.sjg@gmail.com) or phone 01582 620322 by Monday 26th March. In the event of getting too many volunteers we will take the first names on the list.

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.

EASTER CARDS AND BOOKS

The Repository has a number of Easter cards together with a selection of children's reading and activity books specifically for Easter. Come and have a look!

9.45AM COFFEE

Volunteers are needed for a rota to serve the refreshments after 9.45am Mass. If you are willing to commit please leave your contact details at the parish office.

WALK IN THE PARK

Do come along for a one hour's Easter Walk on Wednesday 4th April and enjoy the daffodils in Rothamsted Park. Meet outside the Church at 10am and after the walk, enjoy a coffee in a nearby café. If weather is bad, it's straight for the coffee! Look out for future walks held first Wednesday of every month.

ST PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH

THANK YOU On behalf of Sr. Margaret and the poor people she serves in South Africa, a huge Thank You to the Ladies Group and all who contributed and donated to the St Patrick's Day Lunch. We raised the amazing sum of £1,370! May God reward your generosity. **Sr. Regina.**

SPUC PETITION

Every week 4,000 babies die by abortion in Britain. Unfortunately there is a move to decriminalize abortion which would mean even more babies would be aborted. We have leaflets in the porch explaining what this decriminalization would mean and an opportunity to sign a petition on-line.

AUCTION OF PROMISES SATURDAY APRIL 21st 2018

Tickets for the Auction at St Dominic School on April 21st cost £5 which includes one free drink from the licensed bar as well as live music and will be on sale after mass from April 7th onwards. If you would like to make a promise please email it to noel.whittle@btinternet.com or hand it in to the Parish Office in an envelope marked Auction of Promises. Please state clearly what your promise is and provide your name, email, address, contact number and if appropriate an estimated value of the promise. All proceeds from the Auction of Promises will go to the Developing World Group. Any queries or for a ticket for the Auction please contact Noel Whittle on 07967476536 or e mail noel.whittle@btinternet.com

THE ISSUE OF WATER

22nd March is World Water Day. It's a day which focuses attention on the importance of water worldwide. One group that really takes it seriously is the Ecumenical Water Network, which is an initiative of Christian churches, organisations and movements who have joined hands

- To protect and realise people's access to water around the world
- Making a common Christian witness heard in the debate on water issues
- Promoting community-based initiatives and solutions to overcome the water crisis
- Protecting water as a gift of God and advocating for water as a human right at the local, regional and international level

You can find out more at <https://water.oikoumene.org>