



The Church is open every day from 7.00am until 6.30pm (approx) for quiet prayer and contemplation, everyone is welcome.



#### **FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS**

If you haven't yet picked up your Holy Communion Photographs they are now in the church next to the Repository.



#### **CONFIRMATION 2019**

The application forms for Confirmation 2019 (for those going in to Year 9) will be available from the beginning of September. However, we would like to give advance notice to parents of the residential retreat at the SPEC Retreat Centre in Pinner. Dates of the retreat are **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January (evening) to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January**. This is an important and really enjoyable part of the Confirmation course and we ask that all our candidates attend.

#### **CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHS**

The professional photographs taken at the Confirmation Masses are now available to be collected. They are in the Church next to the Repository.

#### **NEWSLETTERS**



In line with preserving the planet, if you would like to receive the weekly newsletter via email, please contact us in the Parish Office, also if you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and unable to attend Mass and they would like to receive the newsletter via email let us know and we can arrange this. Alternatively, why not take an extra Newsletter home with you for them. The Newsletter is also available on the Parish Website in time for the weekend. [parish@rcdow.org.uk/harpenden](mailto:parish@rcdow.org.uk/harpenden)

#### **NEWSLETTER**

Next Sunday's newsletter will be the last one until September 2nd. If you have any activities in September, that you would like to give notice about, you might like to include them in next week's newsletter. Items should be sent into the Parish Office no later than Wednesday morning.

#### **GAUDETE ET EXULTATE**

Reflection on Pope Francis's call to holiness in today's world. On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2.00pm – 3.00pm at The Convent, 18 Kirkdale Road.

#### **SICK OR HOUSEBOUND?**

For those who are sick or housebound the Parish Priest is always happy to bring Holy Communion and, or, to arrange for one of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to do so. If you are unable to attend Mass, or know of someone in that situation, please contact the Parish Office on 01582 712245 to make suitable arrangements.

#### **SOLITUDE SATURDAY**

#### **ST CLARE'S CONVENT ABIGAIL CLOSE LUTON**

The next Solitude Saturday will be on 28<sup>th</sup> July. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 10.00am and ends at 3.00pm. There is also opportunity for a Solitude Walk in the Prayer Gardens and time to pray in the Poustinia or Hermitage.

#### **SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE**

This annual event in aid of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust, takes place



this year on Saturday 8th September between 10.00am and 6.00pm. So walkers and cyclists please note this date in your diary. Sponsor forms and lists of visitable Churches will be available from the Parish Office at the end of August.

## *Save The Date!*

Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life- on Sunday 7th October, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Tickets: Adults £17.50, Children & Students £8.00. For more information:

[www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org). To book tickets contact Maria on 01582 624024/ 07969171422 [/maria@oloughlin.co.uk](mailto:/maria@oloughlin.co.uk)

#### **“THE TRAINS”**

The Leaders of the various Churches in Harpenden have written to Bim Afolami our local MP, as well as Chris Grayling and others including Govia Thameslink, to express their concern at the impact the disrupted train service is having on local people. The letter can be seen on the FaceBook and Twitter feeds for Harpenden Thameslink Commuter groups.