



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

CRIB OFFERINGS

As is customary, offerings made at the crib will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society. Contributions can be placed in the 'Crib Offering' box close to the crib.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each time we come for Mass we receive, and worship, Jesus in the gift of the Eucharist. Outside of Mass, we can also worship Jesus in this precious gift. Starting on February 2nd the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in Church between 5pm and 5.45pm, each Saturday. A lovely opportunity for some peace and quiet; come along even if for a few minutes. Please respect the silence if you are arriving early for the Vigil Mass.



CHOIR RECRUITMENT!

What better time than the start of a new year to commit to a new challenge. The two choirs at Our Lady of Lourdes

will welcome anyone wishing to come and sing for a trial period.

Choristers:

Ages 8 - 18 (Year 4 to Year 13)
Girls and unbroken boys' voices
7-8pm Thursdays during term time.



Adult Choir:

Soprano, alto, tenor, bass - sight reading not essential as training given.
8-9pm Thursdays during term time.

Please email Katie Metcalfe:

katiemmusic@yahoo.co.uk

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Harpenden Churches Together have a service at All Saints Church, Station Road at 6.30pm, next Sunday 20th January. Everyone is welcome.

HARPENDEN SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICA QUIZ

Do join us for our annual fun Quiz night next Saturday 19th January in Lourdes Hall, Southdown Rd, 7 for 7.30 prompt start. Tables of 8. Tickets £15.00 each to include a tasty Godfrey's Fish and Chip Supper. (Your ticket will pay for 100 children's school meals). Raffle and cash Bar. This is a popular event so contact Annette Peacock quiz@hsoa.org.uk or 01582 766364 soon to avoid disappointment.



PARENTS MEETING

Just a reminder there is a Meeting with Mary Crowley from the Diocese for all Parents of our First Holy

Communion children in the Undercroft on Monday 21st January at 8pm, please make sure at least one parent attends to represent your child.

THE BANISH THE BLUES SUPPER

Will be on Saturday 2nd February in the Lourdes Hall. Tickets for the 3-course meal with coffee/tea will be £15 and will be on sale after all the Masses next week. Proceeds will be shared between the DWG's schools' project in Nepal and Sister Margaret's Barcelona Settlement in South Africa. You can make up your own table or join our 'parish' table.



SAT 19 JANUARY - THE CALL TO BE PEACEMAKERS

11.00 am - Bring n' share Lunch
Pat Gaffney, global campaigner and educator for peace, General Secretary of Pax Christi and former nominee of Nobel Peace prize comes to Harpenden! Pat will be responding to Pope Francis's call for all of us to be peacemakers. Join us for this talk followed by a shared simple lunch.

RECALL OF DWG GREEN BOXES ON 26/27 JANUARY

Please bring your Green Boxes to Mass on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 January so they can be emptied and returned to you - even if they are not yet full! DWG



members collecting the proceeds will also be able to give you a box should you want one for the first time. We are very grateful for your generous support whether in pence, other coins or notes. Boosted by the Green Boxes, our parish funded seven projects last year, which will be described to you very soon in our 2018 Project Report.

CELEBRATING CHRISTIAN UNITY

Welcoming all those who come to the Niland Centre to celebrate together our Unity **Saturday 19th January** (2pm-5pm) with prayer and input, conversation and fellowship. Relaxing into God amid the Madness of Everyday Life with Holly Cook at Our Lay & St Thomas, Harrow-on-the-Hill. RSVP for catering purposes. Donation at will to cover costs please. To register please call 020 8950 4000 or email nilandcentre@gmail.com.

MASS FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES AT THE CATHEDRAL

The annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place in the Cathedral on Saturday 9th February 2019 at 2pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by Bishops and Priests. Please let Melanie, in the Parish Office know if you will be attending in a wheelchair. For more details please see the poster on the noticeboard in the porch.

