

The Three Stevenage Catholic Parishes

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Eastertide 2024

You will be my witnesses!



As we celebrate the Resurrection for 50 days in the Easter season, we look forward to the Feast of the Ascension (9th May) followed by the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (19th May). As Christians, we are sent out by the risen Lord to proclaim that he has won the victory over death by his rising, and opened the gates of heaven for all who welcome his love. What Jesus said to his apostles before the Ascension he says to us too: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

Pope Francis once said: "The Lord wants us to make our lives masterpieces through the ordinary things, the everyday things we do. We are called to bear witness to Jesus right where we live, in our families, at work, everywhere, even just by giving the light of a smile, a light that is not our own - it comes from Jesus!" (*Angelus*, 26 December 2020).

We pray for those preparing for First Holy Communion, our young people receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next month, and our sick and those who care for them. May the peace of the risen Jesus fill our hearts, so that we become peacemakers for our world!

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION - Mass times

Wednesday 8th May: 7pm, St Joseph's (*vigil Mass*)

Thursday 9th May: 9.30am, St Hilda's
10am, Transfiguration
7pm, St Joseph's

St Joseph's Drama Group proudly present "Beauty and The Beast"

Performed by adults at St Joseph's Church, Bedwell on Thurs 25th April at 7.30pm;

Fri 26th April at 7.30pm; Sat 27th April at 2pm & 7.30pm.

Adults £6; Children £3 (free up to & incl. Year 6).

Contact Margaret/David 07875 245094 to reserve tickets.

We'd love to see you!

NO MASS at St Joseph's from 6pm Sunday evening 21st until Saturday 27th April due to the drama production. There are Masses on Saturday 21st April at Transfiguration, Old Town, 5pm and St Hilda's Church, Shephall, 6:30pm. Sunday 28th April Masses as usual at St Joseph's (porch closed from Monday 22nd, re-opens Monday 29th April).

Funerals

John Joseph Murphy: Friday 26th April, Church of The Transfiguration 12 noon, followed by burial at Weston Road.

Noel Riggs: Friday 3rd May, Church of The Transfiguration at 11am followed by committal at Harwood Park Crematorium.

Frances Mary Meighan: Thursday 9th May, St Hilda's Church at 11am followed by committal at Harwood Park Crematorium. **May they rest in eternal peace.**

Priests' Training Fund - Collection takes place 20th/21st April

Next Sunday is *Good Shepherd Sunday*, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood; the annual collection will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood; there are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, including 13 from our diocese. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church, please take one home and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - thank you!

Coffee morning at St Hilda's: Tuesday 7th May after Mass. All welcome.

St. Margaret Clitherow RC Primary School Nursery admissions 2024-2025

Was your child born between 01/09/2020 - 31/08/2021?

This year our Governors intend to offer 15 hours (morning only) or 30 hours (morning and afternoon) in our Nursery. Please contact the school office (01438 352863) to secure a place and book a school tour.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: 19th- 26th July 2024

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Nicholas is now open via the application form on: <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities to serve.

All applications to join this year's pilgrimage must be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

Mass times: St Joseph's, Bedwell

6pm Saturday (*vigil*; Confession 5pm)

10:30am Sunday

12noon Sunday

6pm Sunday

7pm Wednesday

(followed by Eucharistic Adoration,
Confession till 8:15pm: Benediction)

9:30am Thursday & Friday (followed by
rosary; then tea & coffee every Thursday - hall)

**Every first Thursday of the month:
7:30pm Eucharistic Healing Service**

Mass times: St Hilda's, Shephall

9:30am Saturday (no Mass 20th April)

(Confession 6:15pm)

6:30pm Saturday (*vigil*)

9:30am Sunday

11:00am Sunday

9:30am Monday (Hoy Hour 10-11am)

9:30am Tuesday

Mass times: Transfiguration, Old Town

5pm Saturday (*vigil*)
(Confession 4:30-4:45pm)

9am Sunday

9:30am Monday

9:30am Friday