

Church of the Transfiguration of Our Lord in Old Town, Stevenage



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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Divine Psalter: Week 2
25th November 2018

- 24th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Jo Segrave
- 25th Sunday: FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**
9.00: Special Intention for the Haren Family
- 26th Monday: feria**
9.30: Holy Souls
2:00: **Funeral Mass for Annie Burnside RIP**
- 28th Wednesday: feria**
9.30: Service of the Word
- 30th Friday: feria**
9.30: Martin Ryan RIP
John Marioni RIP
- 1st Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Mass
- 2nd Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent**
9.00: Special Intention for the Hughes Family
Annie Burnside RIP

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**Sunday Reading Cycle: Year B**  
**Weekday Readings: 34<sup>th</sup> Week of Year 2:**  
**Feast of Christ The King**  
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We remember those who are sick in hospital, those undergoing treatment, or convalescing:

*Peter Stones, Johanna Gillan,
Joe Coughlin, Noel Holton, Eileen Greasby, Jane Earl,
Betty Cox, Christopher Skipper, Marisa Jackson,
Andrew Cameron and Family, Richard Smithers,
Jeanette Jackson, Monica Brown, John Lewis,
Kathy Dickenson and Michael Jones.*
May the Lord grant them healing and strength.
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*Fr Brian writes...*

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King:  
Background to the Gospel**

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair. In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be. Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Saviour of all.



**JO BOYCE AND FRIENDS  
AN ADVENT & CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT**

Performing in St Joseph's  
Church on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>  
December at 6:30pm.**  
Tickets on sale after all  
Masses. **£8.00 each.**

*Please take a flyer from the back of the Church.  
The group performed on Songs of Praise, you can listen  
to a selection of their music on youtube.  
Click on the link below.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSYVdlxpfUY>

**Parish Secretary in the office next week**

**Tuesday 8:45-11:30am, Wednesday 8:45-12noon &  
Friday 8:45-1:00pm**

**If your enquiry is urgent please email the Secretary**  
[stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk)  
**(email accessed daily)**

**ADVENT REFLECTION LED BY SR ANNE**  
On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 11:00am-12noon at The Church of The Transfiguration. **All welcome.**

**SACRISTANS:-**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> : Kerrie Lamb  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> : Sue & Peter Coy  
Cleaning Rota : Virginia & Poniano Motilla (Team 2)  
Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door  
Linen for December : Anita Davies

**WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S NEXT WEEK**

Wednesday 7:00pm, Thursday & Friday 9:15am

**WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST HILDA'S NEXT WEEK**

Monday & Tuesday 9:30am, Thursday 8:00pm

**ANNIE BURNSIDE RIP**

The Funeral Mass for Annie Burnside takes place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00pm followed by cremation at Harwood Park. May she rest in eternal peace.

**TONY JEFFS RIP**

The Funeral Service for Tony Jeffs takes place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 11:15am at St Nicholas Church, Rectory Lane followed by burial at Weston Road. May he rest in eternal peace.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE DEANERY WITH BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN AND THE PRIESTS OF THE DEANERY**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 11:00am at St Joseph's Church, Bedwell. **All welcome.**

**PRAYER GROUP**

Next Meeting takes place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm in the Presbytery. Please telephone Colleen on 01438 359402 for information. **All welcome.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

Children meet on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 9:30am in Church.

**READERS**

Please take new Mass Book Year C Volume 1 from the Sacristy and return any other Mass Books.

**SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND**

Thank you for your generosity to the Sick & Retired Priests Fund collection **our parish raised £548.43**. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are still available. Please continue to pray for sick and retired priests. For more information, or to make a donation, visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

**IRISH NETWORK, STEVENAGE AFTERNOON TEA AND DANCE**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 1-3pm Bedwell Community Centre. Please see the poster on the notice board.

**MY DAY BY DAY ADVENT BOOKLETS £1.00**  
**ADVENT EXTRA £2.50.**

**BIBLE GROUP**

The Bible Study Group meet every Sunday at 5.30pm in St Joseph's presbytery. **All welcome.**

**THE FEAST DAY MASS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Takes place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm at The Holy Child & St Joseph Catholic Church, home to the Shrine of the Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Midland Road, Bedford MK40 1HU. You are asked if possible to arrive at 7:00 pm. Please contact John or Frances Dove on (01438) 220393.

**CLEANING ROTA**

New Rota now available from the Sacristy.

**DECEMBER ROTA**

For Readers and Eucharistic Ministers available from the wall beside the tabernacle.

**HOLY TRINITY/CHRIST THE KING PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH -13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

As in previous years, we have been warmly invited to join the Holy Trinity/Christ the King congregations at their Christmas Lunch at the Novotel Hotel, Stevenage. Details of the menu, costs and times are on the notice boards. Please sign up if you wish to participate. Further details from Alan Bruce (tel. 351506).

**MAIN SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2019/2020**

Applications for the two Catholic schools in Stevenage are now open for September 2019. Please visit the schools' websites for more details. **Application deadline 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE - SCHOOL ADMISSION**

Updated Policy regarding the 'Priests Reference', known as the 'Certificate of Catholic Practice.' If you will have a child applying for nursery/primary or secondary Catholic school in the future, **it is essential that you take a copy**. You will find a copy on top of the Organ next to the Mass Registration sign in sheets. Please let other parents know - especially those who may not come to church regularly - or not at all! If you require a **Certificate of Catholic Practice for Primary School Admission** please complete the Certificate of Catholicity form and also the top part of the Certificate of Catholic Practice Form. Forms are available from the Sacristy. Please place your completed form in an envelope with your child's name on the front.

**MASS REGISTRATION**

All children from **Pre-School Age to Year 6** should sign in for Mass. **The sign-in sheets can be found on top of the organ.** It is **IMPORTANT** that you write your child's name on the sheet each time you attend Mass with your child. This will help Fr Michael/Fr Brian complete the Certificate of Catholic Practice forms for School Admissions.

**Please only sign if your child is with you at Mass.**

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER**

**Universal: In the Service of Peace**

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.