



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

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A *Divine Psalter: Week 2* 19th January 2020

18th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

5:00: Mass

19th Sunday: 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9:00: Mass

20th Monday: feria

9:30: Mass

22nd Wednesday: St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

9:30: Service of the Word

24th Friday: St Francis de Sales. Bishop & Doctor

9:30: Mass

25th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

5:00: Mass

26th Sunday: 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9:00: Mass

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Sunday Reading Cycle: Year A

Weekday Readings: 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Year 2

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WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN HOSPITAL,
THOSE UNDERGOING TREATMENT, OR
CONVALESCING:

May the Lord grant them healing and strength.

PARISH SECRETARY IN THE OFFICE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 8:45-11:30am, Wednesday 11:00am-1:00pm &
Friday 8:45am-2:00pm

If your enquiry is urgent please email the Secretary
stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk
(email accessed daily)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

From 18th to 25th January.

Prayer: God, giver of life, we thank you for the gift of your compassionate love which soothes and strengthens us. We pray that our churches may be always open to receive your gifts from one another. Grant us a spirit of generosity to all as we journey together in the path of Christian unity. We ask this in the name of your Son who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Theme this year: "They showed us unusual kindness"
(Acts 28:2).

Other prayers and reflections can be found by visiting:
www.oikoumene.org

YEAR OF THE WORD

Reading the Bible together ("*Lectio Divina*")

Every Monday after 9.30am Mass, Church of the Transfiguration Presbytery (Old Town Parish), with Fr Nigel. Tea & coffee provided. All welcome.

Starts Monday 27th January.

Journeying With The Bible

All welcome to a series of talks at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. for the Year of the Word on the Bible.

28th January 7-8.30pm: 'Who speaks in the Bible? To whom does he speak?'

11th February 7-8.30pm 'Where does the Bible come from and when did it take place?'

Suggested donation £5. Please register at
livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace."
(1 Corinthians 1:3)

ROTAS:

Saturday 25th : Janet Crafton

Sunday 26th : Donna Holton

Cleaning Rota : Peter & Joyce Stones

Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door

Linen for January : Sue Egan

SACRISTAN ROTA AND CLEANING ROTA

Sacristan Rota January to June and Cleaning Rota February to June now available from the Sacristy.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST HILDA'S CHURCH

Monday 9:30am, Thursday 8:00pm

PETER SHEEHAN RIP

The Funeral Mass for Peter Sheehan takes place on Tuesday 25th January at 2:00pm at St Hilda's Church, Shephall followed by cremation at Harwood Park.
May he rest in eternal peace.

SEVASTI (TULA) BUHAGIAR RIP

The Funeral Service for Tula Buhagiar takes place on Friday 31st January at 10:15am at St Joseph's Church Bedwell, followed by Cremation at Harwood Park.
May she rest in eternal peace.

THE FILIPINO CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

We are pleased to invite everyone to celebrate a Mass for the devotion to the Holy Infant Jesus or Señor Sto Niño on Sunday 19th January at 8pm at St Joseph's Church celebrated by Fr Antonio Pineda (Borehamwood).
We will have our final Novena prayer at 7:30pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ROSARY PRIORY

93 Elstree Road Bushey Heath WD23 4EE

Celebrating Christian Unity – Saturday 25th January 2-5pm with prayer, talk and discussion on Unusual Kindness. Please register for planning purposes. Donations welcome.

Prayer of Silence – Morning Reflection with Sr Regina McGarry OP and Monika Cleaver Thursday 30 January 10.30am-12.30pm. Suggested donation £6.

Scripture from Scratch – **The Year of the Word: St Matthew** with Sr Anne Walsh OP alternate Thursdays from 30 January 7.30-9pm. Suggested donation £5 per session.

Information: events@nilandconferencecentre.co.uk or 07746 707 247.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

Please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/> where you can view current vacancies.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

For those interested in helping organise Children's Liturgy during the 9am Mass, there will be a short meeting immediately after the 9am Mass next Sunday 26th January, in the Sacristy.

IRISH NETWORK, STEVENAGE

Afternoon Social on Wednesday 22nd January, Bedwell Community Centre 1-3pm. An afternoon of live music, dancing and entertainment, refreshments and a raffle. For further information please Elaine Connolly in the Irish Network Office on 01438 725400. **All welcome.**

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nursery places available for children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016. Morning sessions or full day sessions (30 hours codes accepted). Please contact the school office for further information on 01438 352 863.

LEARN FROM ME: CATECHESIS & MISSION FORMATION PROGRAMME

Information evening Thursday 23rd January 7.30pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, London SW1P 1QN. The programmes include a Certificate in Parish Mission and Ministry (1-year part-time distance learning); Certificate in Catechesis (2-year part-time distance learning); Catechesis on Marriage and Family (6-month distance learning). For more information and application forms contact Anna Dupelycz: 0207 798 9150 or annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk

MASS REGISTRATION

Please remember to sign in your Pre-School to Year 6 child BEFORE or AFTER Mass on the registration sheet, which can be found on the table near the organ. This information is used for the completion of the Certificate of Catholic Practice Form for school admissions.

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

PETER'S WAY OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 7:30PM AT

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH BEDWELL

We are privileged to welcome the Westminster Lourdes Choir and members of the Catholic Association of Performing Arts to lead meditation and reflections on the stations of the cross, the first Friday of Lent. Peter's Way of the Cross is a moving composition by Bernard Lavery KSG and Giovanni Marseglia, each station comprises a meditation and piece of sung scripture. Previous performances have been in Lourdes, the Old Bailey, St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney and St Mary's University, Twickenham. It is not to be missed. **All welcome.**
There is no charge for entry, however, there will be a collection for donations to the work of the pilgrimage.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Evangelisation: Promotion of World Peace: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.