



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

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## SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

25<sup>th</sup> Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

5:00: Mass

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9:00: Mass

27<sup>th</sup> Monday: feria

9:30: Mass

Mass followed by Bible Study in the Parish house

29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: feria

9:30: Service of the Word

31<sup>st</sup> Friday: St John Bosco, Priest

9:30: Mass

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

5:00: Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: The Presentation of The Lord

9:00: Mass

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Sunday Reading Cycle: Year A

Weekday Readings: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Year 2

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

*Sheila Connolly, Frank McCrory, Clarence Cotte,  
James (Seamus) Grant, Mary McGee, Joe Coughlin,  
Noel Holton, Eileen Greasby, Betty Cox,  
Monica Brown & Kathy Dickenson.*

**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](mailto:stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk)  
(email accessed daily)

### 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.**

### SCRIPTURE ROAD SHOW

All are invited to Westminster Cathedral from 30th  
January to 1st February to explore the Year of the  
Word in the 'Tents of Meeting' which will be set up  
in the side chapels, and view specially  
commissioned artwork around the theme of 'The  
God Who Speaks'. Resources, activities and  
presentations will suit all ages, groups welcome.

For further details see <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/>

### Congratulations to all our Servers



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

Thought for the Week: "Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!" (Psalm 26)

**ROTAS:**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> : Mary Smithers & Philipia Paulus  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> : Stephanie Elliott  
Cleaning Rota : Evita & Emilio Fajardo, Bessie Dias  
Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door  
Linen for February : Jean Potter

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

**SEVASTI (TULA) BUHAGIAR RIP**

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

**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 this Sunday 26th January, in the Sacristy.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT ROSARY PRIORY**

93 Elstree Road Bushey Heath WD23 4EE  
Prayer of Silence – Morning Reflection with Sr Regina McGarry OP and Monika Cleaver Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:events@nilandconferencecentre.co.uk) or 07746 707 247.

**ST MARGARET CLITHEROW RC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

**FEBRUARY ROTA**

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

**FAMILY HOLIDAY CLUB, FEBRUARY HALF TERM**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

On **Tuesday 18th February, from 11am-2pm** Caritas Westminster will be running the Stevenage Family Holiday Club. The club will include lots of fun activities for families to enjoy, followed by a hot nutritious lunch and food to take home and cook together, all for free. Caritas launched their clubs very successfully in October 2019, serving over 400 meals to families. **However, Caritas rely on volunteers to make the clubs happen, so to make sure they can run again in February they really need your help!** If you would be able to volunteer on **Tuesday 18th February, between 9am-3pm at St Vincent de Paul Primary School (SG1 1NJ)** to support with kids activities, admin, or cooking the lunch please email [cfc@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cfc@rcdow.org.uk) or call 020 7931 6077 to let us know. You can also get in touch if you would like to attend the club with your children.

**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.

**TEA & CHAT AT STEVENAGE CENTRAL LIBRARY**

Drop in for a chat; make new friends over tea, biscuits and various activities at Stevenage Central Library once a month on a Monday 10:30am-12noon. Please see the poster on the notice board.

**PETER'S WAY OF THE CROSS**  
**FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 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.