



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

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## The Presentation of The Lord

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Psalter: Week 4

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

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

5:00: Mass

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

4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9:00: Mass

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday: feria

9:30: Mass

Mass followed by Bible Study in the Church

5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

9:30: Service of the Word

7<sup>th</sup> Friday: feria

9:30: Mass

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

5:00: Mass

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9:00: Mass

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Sunday Reading Cycle: Year A

Weekday Readings: 4<sup>th</sup> week of Year 2

The Presentation of The Lord (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year)

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

### YEAR OF THE WORD

Reading the Bible together ("Lectio Divina")

Every Monday after 9.30am Mass, in the  
Church of the Transfiguration, Old Town Parish,  
with Fr Nigel. Tea & coffee provided.

All welcome.

### EXPLORING OLD TESTAMENT TREASURES

The first of three talks by Fr John Hemer MHM  
on 'Finding Christ in the Old Testament' will  
take place on Wednesday 5th February, 7pm at  
Allen Hall, 28 Beaufort St, Chelsea, London SW3  
5AA. Refreshments will be served at 7pm,  
followed by the lecture in the Chapel at 7.30pm,  
and Night Prayer at 8.45pm. Donations  
welcome. Please register at  
[livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk)

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"My eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared for all the nations to see"  
(Luke 2:30-31)

**ROTAS:**

Saturday 8<sup>TH</sup> : Lorraine De Klerk  
Sunday 9<sup>TH</sup> : Paula Osmond  
Cleaning Rota : Ma Christine, Alexander & John Gaetos  
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

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST HILDA'S CHURCH**

**THANK YOU TO THE ST JOSEPH'S DRAMA GROUP FROM THE HAVEN**

Stevenage homeless shelter for a very generous donation of £1,000 raised from the wonderful "Extravaganza Evening.

**FEBRUARY ROTA**

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

**LADIES LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

At The Coopers next door to Sainsbury's at the Poplars 12noon for 12:15pm. Good meals at reasonable prices, warm welcome of new and old diners.

Raffle prizes welcome.

**CARITAS WESTMINSTER**

Is recruiting at least one **Representative for Social Outreach** from each parish to help communication between the Parish and Caritas to support and grow charitable activities. They will help to display posters, flyers, speak in Masses, learn about new tools and models for social action and share best practice between parishes. If you would like to become a Caritas Representative, please email the parish office.

**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.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating an Anniversary, **please write your details on a sheet of paper and post it through the Presbytery door or email [stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk).** Name of husband and wife, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email).

**Information by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

**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.**

**GREAT CHARITY CONCERT AT ST JOSEPH'S, BEDWELL PETER'S WAY OF THE CROSS FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 7:30PM**

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.**

**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. Please contact the school office for further information on 01438 352 863.

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

**Universal:** Listen to the Migrants' Cries:

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.