



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

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A

Psalter: Week 2

8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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

5:00: Mass

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00: Mass

9<sup>th</sup> Monday: Lent feria

9:30: Mass

followed by Bible Study in the Church

11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: Lent feria

9:30: Service of the Word

13<sup>th</sup> Friday: Lent feria

9:30: Mass

Stations of the Cross following Mass

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

5:00: Mass

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00: Mass

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Sunday Reading Cycle: Year A

Weekday Readings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lenten Season  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
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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)

### CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2020

Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in three mission areas. Marriage and Family Life: enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church. Youth and Evangelisation: supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith. The Church's Service in Society: putting our faith into action by serving poor, lonely and marginalised people. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table, even though they may be in work. Sadly, poverty is deepening across our Diocese and more people are turning to foodbanks for help. For children who get free meals at school, the holidays can be a time of hunger because the family budget doesn't stretch to cover three meals a day. One initiative the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal supports is school holiday clubs, where children can have fun, and prepare and eat a healthy meal during the school holidays. **Please take a donation leaflet as you leave Mass today.**

### 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.**

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"This is my Son, the Beloved;  
he enjoys my favour. Listen to him."  
(Matthew 17:5)

## ROTAS

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> : Teresa Jones

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> : Sue & Peter Coy

Cleaning Rota : Peter & Joyce Stones

Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door

Linen for March : Barbara Segadelli

## 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

## CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.

**This weekend we welcome Michael Downing who will be talking to us about the great work of CAFOD.**

**Envelopes are now available.**

## EASTER FLOWERS

Lists are available at the back of the church. Please print the names of your deceased relatives and friends and return to the presbytery with any donation you would like to make.

Thank you.

## PETER'S WAY OF THE CROSS

If you missed the recent performance at St Joseph's of this beautiful version of the Stations by the Lourdes choir, it will be performed in Westminster Cathedral on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm - highly recommended!

## LENTEN RETREAT WITH FR NIGEL

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2-5pm in the Transfiguration Church: Talk, Rosary, Holy Hour with Confessions, then usual Mass at 5:00pm. **Theme: "The joy of the Lord is your strength."**

## MESSAGES FROM FR CHRISTOPHER AND FR VINCENT

Fr Christopher and Fr Vincent have now completed their studies in the UK and returned to their home countries, Fr Christopher to Tanzania and Fr Vincent to Nigeria. Fr Christopher has been given the role of directing the funding of the Salvatorian Missions throughout Tanzania. Fr Vincent is appointed to a parish which has many difficulties and challenges and he will be lecturing part time in the Diocesan Seminary in Nigeria. In their messages to us Fr Christopher and Fr Vincent send their best wishes to all parishioners and we assure them of our continuing prayer for support.

## IRISH NETWORK, STEVENAGE AFTERNOON TEA AND DANCE:

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Bedwell Community Centre 1-3pm. An afternoon of old time music, dancing and entertainment with tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes and scones and everyone is welcome. Entry is by ticket £4.00 members and £5.00 non-members. For more information or would like a ticket, please contact Elaine Connolly on 01438 725400.

## IRISH NETWORK, STEVENAGE

St Patricks Day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Holiday Inn, St Georges Way, Stevenage, 12.00-4.00pm. A fun afternoon, starting with the presentation of the Shamrock to the Mayor, Bacon and Cabbage lunch, live music, dancing and entertainment plus we have a raffle. There are a few tickets remaining so if you would like to get in touch please contact Elaine Connolly on 01438 725400 for details.

## THY KINGDOM COME: ECUMENICAL EVENT

All welcome to attend this "Inspire and Equip" event on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, at the Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (Broadhall Way, SG2 8NP). Please confirm your wish to attend by emailing: [admin@midhertsmethodists.org.uk](mailto:admin@midhertsmethodists.org.uk)

## MARCH ROTA

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

## CALLING ALL STEVENAGE CATHOLIC TEENAGERS

Westminster Youth Event for 13-18 years on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 7-9pm at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City.** A great chance to meet other young Catholics and enjoy our exciting programme of guest speakers, live music, prayer and of course some lovely food! No ticket required just turn up. **Summit Parental Consent forms are available from the blue holder on the side of the bookshelf.**

## ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 3:00PM

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.**

## SALE OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS AND CARDS

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 10:00am in St Vincent de Paul School infant Hall.

## 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.**

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

**Evangelisation:** Catholics in China: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.