



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

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3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

Psalter: Week 3

15th March 2020

14th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

5:00: Mass

15th Sunday: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00: Mass

16th Monday:

9.30: Vigil Mass for St Patrick, Patron of Ireland

followed by Bible Study in the Church

18th Wednesday: Lent feria

9.30: Service of the Word

20th Friday: Lent feria

9.30: Mass

Stations of the Cross following Mass

21st Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

5:00: Mass

22nd Sunday: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00: Mass

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Sunday Reading Cycle: Year A

Weekday Readings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lenten Season  
3<sup>rd</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
(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. **All welcome.**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you, give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water."

(John 4:10)

ST PATRICK'S DAY

A VERY HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL OUR IRISH AND NIGERIAN PARISHIONERS!

St Patrick's Day Mass at Transfiguration will be held on Monday 16th March at 9:30am

St Patrick was born in Roman Britain around the end of the 4th century, and died in Ireland about the middle of the 5th century. As a missionary bishop, he endured many hardships. Nevertheless, he worked hard to evangelise, and to educate local chieftains and their families. He is remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to the very people who had enslaved him in his youth.

St Patrick's Day Mass at St Hilda's Tuesday 17th at 9:30am

St Patrick's Day Mass at St Joseph's Tuesday 17th at 7:00pm

ROTAS

- Saturday 21st : Janet Crafton
- Sunday 22nd : Donna Holton
- Cleaning Rota : Bessie Dias, Evita & Emilio Fajardo
- Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door
- Linen for March : Steve & Emma Hogan

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

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Are now ready for collection from the wall beside the Tabernacle.

If you would like to join the Planned Giving Scheme or set up a Standing Order please email or telephone the Parish Office.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S, BEDWELL

Wednesday 18th March at 7:00pm (vigil Mass) or

Thursday 19th March at 9:15am. All welcome.

Prayer: Saint Joseph, chosen by God to be the husband of Mary, Protector of the Holy Family and Guardian of the Church, protect all families in their work and recreation, and guard us on our journey through life.

SALE OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS AND CARDS

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

ALL CLEANERS

Please read the important message on the front of the cleaning cupboard.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 30TH MAY 3:00PM

All couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (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. Name of husband and wife, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email).

Information by Sunday 15th March.

CORONAVIRUS – LET'S NOT FORGET THE VULNERABLE

In light of the uncertainty over the Coronavirus, it is understandable that we want to ensure our kitchen cupboards are well stocked. However, we must not forget that this can leave foodbanks struggling. Hundreds of people rely on generous donations from our parishioners. This includes the need for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products etc, as well as sealed packages of dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc. Foodbanks also welcome donations of money - please give what you can. Please also consider if you could spare some time to volunteer – perhaps by driving to collect food for a foodbank – or simply by looking out for your neighbours. Contact cfc@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7931 6077 to add your name to a list of people who would be willing to help respond.

SOUL FOOD: NOURISHING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE FRAIL OLDER PERSON

Many older people are well able to care for their own spiritual lives - and help others! But how do we nourish those who are becoming too frail physically or mentally to nourish themselves? On Thursday 26th March (1.30-4.30pm) there will be a meeting in the Focolare centre to consider this. Details on the poster at the back of the church or contact anne.horsman@btinternet.com/07771931063.

Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6JF.

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.