

Welcome to Our Sunday Mass and every blessing for 2010



Church of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Old Town Stevenage
And
Shared Church of Christ the King, Symonds Green
Sunday 3rd January 2010
Epiphany of the Lord

Response:

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

Sr. Loretta's mother is very weak and needs constant care at her home in Yorkshire. Sr. Loretta has been given permission to care for her for the time being. We will be continuing with the children's First Communion and other programmes. Parents will be notified of any necessary temporary changes. *(Fr. Frank)*

First Holy Communion Parents Meeting
on Mon 11th Jan at 7.30pm in the church.

First Holy Communion and Know Your Faith classes on Wednesday 13th January at 4pm in the church.

Parish Ramble

The Roamin' Catholics will be tramping through the byways again on Sun 31st Jan. The ramble will be about 5½ miles and will take in the 'streets' of the West Stevenage Development. For more information please call Mark on 743960 or email mark@stinkyveg.com. NB: this is a winter country walk and it will involve mud!



Funeral Mass for Nicholas Gerard Dunne will take place on Friday 8th at 9.45 in the Old Town. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

A prayer for the New Year
I SAID TO THE MAN
Who stood at the gate of the year,
"Give me a light
that I may tread safely
Into the unknown."
And he replied,
"Go out into the darkness
And put your hand
Into the hand of God.
That will be to you better than light
And safer than any known way!"

Confirmation Group next meet on Monday 4th January at 6.30 in the Presbytery

Journey in Faith (RCIA):
Next meeting Wed 6th Jan at 7.30

Next SVP Meeting will be on 12th January

Thanks, again, from Sr. Loretta and myself for your kindness and support shown us during the past year.... and also for the Christmas gifts. *(Fr. Frank)*

There will be a series of talks on Scripture with Fr Peter Burrows on 12th, 19th & 26th January 2010 at The Parish Hall, SS Alban and Stephen, St Albans. Everyone is invited. For more info see the notice the board.

Deepening our Faith: Next Meeting on 9th February at 7.30pm.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat 2nd	10.30	Old Town	Maureen Roe Intention
Ss Basil and Gregory	4.30	Old Town	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
	6.00	Old Town	Camila McCallick Intention
Sun 3rd	9.00	Sy Green	Parishioners
Epiphany of the Lord	11.00	Old Town	Mia Rizo RIP
Monday 4th	9.30	Old Town	Onslow Holton
Christmas Feria			
Tues 5th	10.30	Sy Green	Tom & Sheila McGrath Intention
Christmas Feria			
Wed 6th	9.30	Old Town	Rosa Fenocchi RIP
Christmas Feria			
Fri 8th	9.45	Old Town	Funeral Mass for Nicholas Gerard Dunne
Christmas Feria			
Sat 9th	10.30	Old Town	Francis & Ellen Ferns RIP
Christmas Feria	4.30	Old Town	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Vigil Mass	6.00	Old Town	Sr Loretta & Fr Frank 'Thank You' Intention
Sun 10th	9.00	Sy Green	Chris Griffin RIP
Baptism of the Lord	11.00	Old Town	Parishioners

Old Town, Symonds Green and Woodfield Neighbourhood Forum on Wednesday 6th Jan at 7pm in the Bunyan Baptist Church, Basils Road. Info: 01438 242193. E-mail: communitydevelopment@stevenage.gov.uk

Healing Ministry: On January 9th at Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew RC Church, Hitchin, 10.30am - 5pm Myles Dempsey will be leading a day focused on developing the healing ministry in the parish including prayer and services.

Myles Dempsey is a Roman Catholic layman and is the founder and leader of the Prince of Peace Community. He has been working in full time lay ministry in the church for over 20 years. As well as being very involved in private counselling, he travels a good deal in England and abroad giving talks and retreats, and is known for his powerful healing ministry and inspirational teaching. He has been married to Joan for over 50 years. He is very involved with New Dawn which takes place in Walsingham in August. This is a wonderful opportunity to look at prayer and God's healing power in our lives. Please feel free to come for all or part of the day.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: the rota for January 2010 is now available, please collect one from the church. We will be able to offer Holy Communion from the chalice at weekend Masses this month if Special Ministers volunteer their services. Please sign on the list if you wish to help. The full rota will be restored for February.

<p align="center">Collection Last Week</p> <p>Envelopes: £432.61 Loose: £205.79 Standing Orders: £363.83 Total: <u>£1002.23</u></p> <p align="center">Christmas Collection £2221.63</p> <p align="center"><i>Very much</i> Thank you for your generosity!</p>	<p>Readings for next week:</p> <p>Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 40, 1-5. 9-11 Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7 Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7 Luke 3:15 -16.21-22</p>	<p align="center">Rotas</p> <p>Old Town: Joanne Johnson Sy Green: Ita Bryant Jan Linen: Jacinta Captain Sacristans: Sat 9th: Mary Smithers & Geraldine Coy Sun 10th: Donna Holton</p>
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