

One who
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Response:
Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Lent begins on Wednesday. It is the traditional season of renewal and repentance. On two particular days in Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday we are asked to abstain from eating meat and also to fast. Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. How generous do you feel towards Christ...towards our neighbour? If we abstain from certain amusements, pastimes, whatever...can the money we save be given to CAFOD or some other charity? We were generous immediately after the earthquake but there seems to no end to its effects. Can we reach out to God's other children? Can we be more generous? And can we pray more? Praying helps us to tune in to Godand he has a lot to say to us, if only we would listen.
Why not go to Mass on Ash Wednesday—at 10.30 or 7.30

Welcome to Our Sunday Mass

Church of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Old Town Stevenage and Shared Church of Christ the King,
Symonds Green

Journey in Faith (RCIA):

Next meeting Wed 24th Feb at 7.30

First Holy Communion and Know Your Faith classes on Wednesday 24th February at 4pm in the church.

Small Communities Group will start on Monday 22 February 2010 and run for six weeks, it will be at 6 Corton Close from 2 o'clock till 3.30. The theme is 'the Church' and the title is 'Living as One'. Please contact Audrey on 01438 237362 for more details.

Luton Good Counsel Network received £223.04 in last week's collection.
Many thanks

Sr Loretta sends her thanks for all of your good wishes and prayers. She also wishes to thank the Parish Council for the beautiful bouquet of flowers and the First Holy Communion children for the lovely card

Confirmation: Candidates meet in the Old Town on 22nd February at 6.30. Enjoy half-term.

Gift Aid

As a parish we have received £9748.66 in Gift Aid.
Thank you to all who have made this possible.



The John Henry Newman School are staging a production of *Oliver!* in March. It involves over 100 of the pupils and students of the school. The show will be performed in the school hall on; Wednesday 3rd March, 7pm Thursday 4th March, 7pm Friday 5th March, 7pm Saturday 6th March, 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £4 for under 16's and senior citizens. If you would like to purchase tickets or would like more information, please contact Claire Hamilton at The John Henry Newman School on 01438 314643 or hamiltonc@johnhenrynewman.herts.sch.uk. Many thanks for all your support of the school.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat 13th		10.30	Old Town	All the sick of the parish
Feria		4.30	Old Town	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Vigil Mass		6.00	Old Town	Parishioners
Sun 14th		9.00	Sy Green	Priest's Intention
6th Sunday of the Year		11.00	Old Town	Priest's Intention
Monday 15th		9.30	Old Town	Patrick Kelly RIP
Feria				
Tues 16th		10.30	Sy Green	Michael McCarthy RIP
Feria				
Wed 17th	Mass with Blessing of the Ashes	10.30	Old Town	Patrick Ferns RIP
Ash Wednesday	Mass with Blessing of the Ashes	7.30	Old Town	Priest's Intention
Fri 19th		9.05	Stations of the Cross	
Feria		9.30	Old Town	Margaret Ryan RIP
Sat 20th		10.30	Old Town	Parishioners
Lent Feria		4.30	Old Town	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Vigil Mass		6.00	Old Town	Zsaka Nadasyd RIP
Sun 21st		9.00	Sy Green	Priest's Intention
1st Sunday of Lent		11.00	Old Town	Tom & Kathleen Power RIP

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony
 Our Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th+ weddings of Catholic marriage. This will take place on Saturday 22nd May at 3pm in Westminster Cathedral. If you qualify please give your name (in writing) to me with the following details: Names of husband and wife, wedding date, full postal address and email (or phone number if no email) (*Fr. Frank*)

CTIS - Exploring Christianity & Culture
 A preparation for Easter
 Thurs 25 Feb 'Christian Maturity - a command not an option' at Church of Christ the King at 7.30pm. All welcome, entrance free.
 More info at www.stevenagechurches.org.uk

Faith in Film
 Film nights with refreshments and discussions for young adults.
 Our Lady of the Assumption & St Gregory Catholic Church, 13 Warwick Street, London W1B

Monday evenings 7-9.30pm
22 February - Faith Like Potatoes
1 March - Maximilian Kolbe: Saint of Auschwitz
8 March - The Pursuit of Happyness
15 March - The Fourth Wise Man
 For more info call : 020 7931 6078

Collection Last Week

Envelopes: £503.95
 Loose: £312.30
 Standing Orders: £363.83
 Total: £1180.08

Haiti collection £1654.84
Thank you very much for your generosity

Readings for next week:
First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10
 Romans 10: 8-13
 Luke 4: 1-13

Rotas

Cleaning: Old Town: Mrs Whelan
 Sy Green: Ray

Feb Linen: Stephen + Emma Hogan

Sacristans: Sat 20th: Sara Shepherd & Isobel Kerr
 Sun 21st: Jackie Peddie

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