

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



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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Divine Psalter: Week 4
14th October 2018

- 13th Saturday:** **St Edward The Confessor, Patron of the Diocese and the City of Westminster**
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Mass
- 14th Sunday:** **28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9.00: Mass
11.00: Mass followed by Garden Party
- 15th Monday:** **feria**
9.30: Mass
12.30: Funeral Mass for Sofia Sawczyn RIP
- 17th Wednesday:** **St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr**
9.30: Service of the Word
- 19th Friday:** **Ss John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Preists, and Companions, Martyrs**
9.30: Service of the Word
- 20th Saturday:** **Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Mass
- 21st Sunday:** **29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9.00: Mass

Sunday Reading Cycle: Year B

Weekday Readings: 28th Week of Year 2:
28th Sunday of the Year

We remember those who are sick in hospital, those undergoing treatment, or convalescing:

Tina Roney, Peter Stones, Johanna Gillan, Joe Coughlin, Noel Holton, Eileen Greasby, Jane Earl, Betty Cox, Christopher Skipper, Marisa Jackson, Andrew Cameron and Family, Richard Smithers, Jeanette Jackson, Monica Brown, John Lewis, Kathy Dickenson and Michael Jones.
May the Lord grant them healing and strength.

Parish Secretary in the office next week

Tuesday 8:45-11:30am, Wednesday 8:45-12noon & Friday 8:45-1:00pm

If your enquiry is urgent please email the Secretary
stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk
(email accessed daily)

We welcome Fr Chris Connor to the 5:00pm Mass

HEALING EVENT SATURDAY 10TH AND SUNDAY 11TH, BETWEEN 10AM AND 5PM ON BOTH DAYS AT ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear friends. The promised **Healing Event** is nearly here. This is a similar event to the Healing Mission we held in May 2017 at St Joseph's, undertaken by my friends from the *Little Way Healing Ministry*, <http://www.littlewayhealingministries.com/> when a number of parishioners experienced a touch of the Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ, that left them wanting more of the Holy Spirit. Please do take 3 flyers after Mass and distribute to neighbours or friends, who are suffering in anyway, physically, mentally or spiritually, so that they can come to Jesus for healing. Or just pop a couple through your neighbours' letterboxes. **Please help us get the word out about the Healing Event.** And of course - please do come yourselves! Note that there will be an additional Mass on Sunday 11th at 8.30am in St Joseph's for all the helpers at the Healing Event. Parishioners are invited to this Mass as well, if you are intending to attend the Sunday of the Healing Event. We would also **appreciate volunteers from amongst parishioners** who might be able to help on at least one of the two days, if not both. This might involve serving refreshments, washing up, welcoming people, moving chairs and tables, tidying up etc as directed and general tasks. If you can spare sometime, please do email Fr Brian: brianmcmahon@rcdow.org.uk saying when you are available, or ring him on 07534 764 940. **It will be an amazing two days of Prayer, Praise, Healing, Encounters with the Holy Spirit and Wonderful Music. It might just change your life! Jesus is Alive and still healing today.** Jesus is passing by and asks, 'What do you want me to do for you?' Mark 10-46-52. **COME AND SEE!**

SACRISTANS:-

Saturday 20th : Mary Canavan
Sunday 21st : Stephanie Elliott
Cleaning Rota : Sara Shepherd & Barbara O'Boy
Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door
Linen for October : Maria Hoffman

NO WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S NEXT WEEK
No Mass on Saturday 20th October – Drama Production

NO WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST HILDA'S NEXT WEEK

SOFIA SAWCZYN RIP

The Funeral Mass for Sofia Sawczyn takes place on Monday 15th October at 12:30pm. May she rest in eternal peace.

SUSANNA BROADBENT RIP

The Memorial Service for Susi Broadbent takes place on Wednesday 17th October at St Thomas Moore, Knebworth at 12:45pm. May she rest in eternal peace

ST JOSEPH'S DRAMA GROUP PROUDLY PRESENTS 'OLIVER'

Performed by adults in St Joseph's Church on Thursday 18th October @ 7.30pm; Friday 19th October @ 7.30pm; Saturday 20th October @ 2.00pm and 7.30pm. Tickets are £6.00 adult; £3.00 child (Years 7-13 inclusive) and all primary school children free.

Please contact Margaret on 01438 721522 to reserve tickets.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

Please take a form and write the names of those you wish to include in the Remembrance Book, and return it in an envelope with your donation to the Presbytery.

All Saints Thursday 1st November Mass 9:30am.

All Souls Day Friday 2nd November Mass 9:30am.

THANK YOU FROM SCIMP

Thank you for all those who supported the recent SCIMP Harvest Lunch. We raised £300.

SHOUT ABOUT IT HERTFORDSHIRE – POHWER

Please join us for a free cup of tea & piece of cake on Thursday 18th October at The Ibis Forum, Stevenage, SG1 1EJ, 11am-3pm. Are you or do you care for someone who is disabled, elderly, vulnerable or feels alone?

Please take a leaflet from the Grove Road Porch.

EXAM INVIGILATORS REQUIRED FOR THE JOHN HENRY NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL STEVENAGE (£7.83 per hour)

Meeting at the school on Thursday 18th October 2pm. Application forms will be available at the end of the meeting for those who wish to apply. If you would like to attend this meeting or see a copy of the full job description please email morand@jhn.herts.sch.uk or call Dawn on 01438 314643

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Children meet Saturday 20th October in the Church at 9:30am.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING FOR NEW AND ALL EXISTING SERVERS ON 20TH OCTOBER AT 3:00PM IN CHURCH

By coming to this meeting it commits you for another year.

New Altar Servers please contact Alex on 0798 562 0607 to register your interest.

CONFIRMATION IN 2019: CLOSES on Sunday 21st October.

FAITH SHARING GROUP

Next meeting on Thursday 25th October in St Joseph's Church Hall from 7:00pm until 8:30pm to reflect on the Sunday readings, pray and share our faith together. All welcome.

ASCENT GROUP

Meet on Mondays 1:30-3:00pm in the Church for prayers and companionship over a hot drink. All welcome.

LAUDATO SI RETREAT TO REFLECT ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME 27TH OCTOBER AT OUR LADY'S CHURCH, 16 NIGHTINGALE ROAD, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS

Starting with Registration at 9:45 followed by Mass at 10am and Adoration, the retreat consists of information, meditation & reflection material to enable us to Hear Creation's Song, Hear her Cry and Discern Actions in response to Pope Francis' call 'to acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face.' (LS 15) and consequently 'awareness of the gravity of today's cultural and ecological crisis [will] be translated into new habits' (LS 209). We will have a shared lunch and the retreat finishes at 4pm. Email oliaah-peace@yahoo.co.uk for more details and to book a place. All welcome

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The School have limited places available in Reception, Year 2 and Year 4. Please contact Mrs Harriss, Admissions Secretary, for further information on 01438 729555.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE AT ST MARGARET CLITHEROW SCHOOL

The School currently have Nursery places for children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015. Please contact Maria Streeter on 01438 352863 for further details.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FORMS FOR THE JOHN HENRY NEWMAN SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice Form the Forms are available from the tray in the Sacristy. Please also complete the Certificate of Catholicity and return both forms in an envelope with your child's name on the front.

MASS REGISTRATION

All children from Pre-School Age to Year 6 should sign in for Mass. The sign-in sheets can be found on top of the organ. It is IMPORTANT that you write your child's name on the sheet each time you attend Mass with your child. This will help Fr Michael/Fr Brian complete the Certificate of Catholic Practice forms for School Admissions.

Please only sign if your child is with you at Mass.

LADIES LUNCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday 21st November at Coopers
Please speak to Josie to book on 01438 2224182.