

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



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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Divine Psalter: Week 1
 21st October 2018

- 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
- 22nd Monday:** St John Paul II, Pope
 9.30: Mass
- 24th Wednesday:** St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
9.30: Service of the Word
- 26th Friday:** Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops
 and Companions, Martyrs
9.30: Service of the Word
- 27th Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
 4.30-4.45: Confessions
 5.00: Mass
- 28th Sunday:** 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 9.00: Mass

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**Sunday Reading Cycle: Year B**  
**Weekday Readings: 29<sup>th</sup> Week of Year 2:**  
**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
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**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.
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**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](mailto:stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk)  
 (email accessed daily)

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

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

*Dear friends. The promised **Healing Event** is nearly  
 here. 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. Please help us get the word out about the  
 Healing Event. 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.*

**COME AND SEE!**

**MASSES FOR ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS  
 IN THE 3 STEVENAGE PARISHES**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October: All Saints Vigil**  
 St Joseph's 7:00pm

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November: All Saints Day**  
 St Joseph's 9:15am  
 Transfiguration 9:30am

St Joseph's 7:00pm  
 St Hilda's 8:00pm

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: All Souls Day**  
 St Joseph's 9:15am  
 Transfiguration 9:30am  
 St Hilda's 11:00am

**SACRISTANS:-**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> : Kerrie Lamb  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> : Paula Osmond  
Cleaning Rota : Simon Williams & Tara Hallett  
Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door  
Linen for October : Maria Hoffman

**WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S NEXT WEEK**

Wednesday 7:00pm & Friday 9:15am

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST HILDA'S NEXT WEEK**

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR MARK VENTURA RIP  
ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 7:00PM IN ST JOSEPH'S  
CHURCH, BEDWELL**

Principal Celebrant Bishop Paul McAleenan. You will recall that Fr Mark was murdered earlier this year in the Philippines. Fr Mark's mother, Evangeline, will be in attendance. She is a parishioner at Stevenage Old Town Parish. There will be refreshments in the church hall after Mass. **All are welcome.**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> November Mass 9:30am.**

**All Souls Day Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Mass 9:30am.**

**THANK YOU TO THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY**

For organising the extra Mass followed by a delightful social event last Sunday.

**CONFIRMATION IN 2019**

Registration closes Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

**FAITH SHARING GROUP**

Next meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**PRAYER GROUP**

Next Meeting takes place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm in the Presbytery. Please telephone Colleen on 01438 359402 for information. **All welcome.**

**NURSERY APPLICATIONS FOR 2019/2020**

**(CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1ST SEPT 2015 AND 31ST AUG 2016)**

Nursery applications for the two Catholic schools in Stevenage are now open for September 2019. Please visit the schools' websites for more details.

www.clitherow.herts.sch.uk or tel: 01438 352863

www.stvincent.herts.sch.uk or tel: 01438 729555

Both schools will be offering 15 and 30 hours provision.

Application deadline is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018.

**"THE CLAIM"**

**A WONDERFUL FILM ABOUT ARCHBISHOP ROMERO, HIS  
PEOPLE AND POPE FRANCIS ON FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT  
7:30PM IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH, HITCHIN.**

Entrance is free but there will be a collection for expenses and a donation to the Trust.

**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 [oliasah-peace@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:oliasah-peace@yahoo.co.uk) for more details and to book a place. **All welcome**

**IRISH NETWORK SOCIAL EVENT WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

1-3pm in Bedwell Community Centre. For details please contact Elaine on 01438 725400.

**SCIMP UPDATE**

Through your generous support we have been able to send £4,500 to pay for the 2 hot water geysers for the Tariro Children's Home. Now we invite you or any of your contacts to submit a proposed project. Our aim is to raise £5,000 each year and the project must make a real difference and have an ongoing benefit. Please contact Cris Beal on [beal\\_cris@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beal_cris@hotmail.co.uk) or call 01438 237117 or Kathie on 07939055415

**ST JOSEPH'S DRAMA GROUP AUDITIONS FOR**

**"WIZARD OF OZ (ages 7 to 18)**

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 10:00am onwards at St Vincent de Paul School, Bedwell Crescent.

Show dates 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Please come prepared to sing a song from the show. Please call Margaret on 01438 721522 to book a slot.

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FORMS**

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.**

**DIOCESE FINANCE MANAGER VACANCY**

Are you or someone you know a qualified and experienced Financial Reporting Manager? Would you like to use your skills in the Church and be based in our offices in Victoria? Please see the Diocese website for details: <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>