

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



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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Divine Psalter: Week 2
28th October 2018

- 27th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Eileen Delany RIP
- 28th Sunday: 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9.00: Mass
- 29th Monday: Blessed Martyrs of Douai College**
9.30: Service of the Word
- 31st Wednesday: feria**
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- 1st Thursday: All Saints**
9.30: Mass
- 2nd Friday: All Souls Day**
9.30: Mass
- 3rd Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Holy Souls
- 4th Sunday: 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9.00: Holy Souls

Sunday Reading Cycle: Year B

Weekday Readings: 30th Week of Year 2:
30th Sunday of the Year

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

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)

Background on the Gospel Reading

When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity. When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet Bartimaeus now encourage him. When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the haemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth. Have we faith that Jesus can heal us, our family and friends?

Healing Event - St Vincent de Paul school - November 10th and 11th : Your Help Required Please!!!!

The Healing Event is fast approaching. We need your help please in three ways. **1. Accommodation (B&B).** We have a number of colleagues from the healing team who need overnight accommodation on the Friday and Saturday. Could you help by providing a bed for the night and breakfast in the morning for at least one person? **2. Volunteering.** It would be great if we could have as many parishioners as possible to volunteer help for at least some of the weekend healing event. Could you volunteer? There are a variety of tasks that will need doing. **3. Leafletting.** Please continue to take two or three of the Healing Event leaflets and help us get the message out. If you can help with **accommodation and volunteering**, please contact Fr Brian on 07534 764 940. Thank you. **Please sir, can I have some more? Oliver!** A very well done to Margaret, crew and cast, who gave us a wonderfully entertaining production of Oliver! I certainly enjoyed myself. I attended the opening night and was mightily impressed by the array of talent on display. All the hard work and dedication clearly paid off. It was a delight to see so many people get outside their 'comfort zone,' build their confidence and discover hidden talents. **Well done everyone!**

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

Wednesday 31st October: All Saints Vigil

St Joseph's 7:00pm

Thursday 1st November: All Saints Day

St Joseph's 9:15am

Transfiguration 9:30am

St Joseph's 7:00pm

St Hilda's 8:00pm

Friday 2nd November: All Souls Day

St Joseph's 9:15am

Transfiguration 9:30am

St Hilda's 11:00am

SACRISTANS:-

Saturday 3rd : Nancy Donovan

Sunday 4th : Sue & Peter Coy

Cleaning Rota : Segun & Marianne Omosilade

Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door

Linen for October : Maria Hoffman

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 7:00pm, Thursday 9:15am & 7:00pm
& Friday 9:15am

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST HILDA'S NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 9.30am, Thursday 8:00pm &
Friday 11:00am

EILEEN DELANY RIP

The Funeral Mass for Eileen Delany takes place on Monday
29th October at 12:30pm at St Hilda's Shephall.

May she rest in eternal peace.

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.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR MARK VENTURA RIP
ON WEDNESDAY 7TH 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.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAME

Children meet on Saturday 3rd November 9:30am in the
Church.

**ST JOSEPH'S DRAMA GROUP AUDITIONS FOR
"WIZARD OF OZ (ages 7 to 18)**

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

Show dates 2nd, 3rd and 4th May 2019.

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

ST JOSEPH'S DRAMA GROUP

Wish to thank everyone who came to see the recent production
of Oliver. We have managed to raise a staggering £4100.00
which will enable us to make donations to St Vincent de Paul
and St Margaret Clitherow Primary Schools; St Joseph's Church
and Cancer Research.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

NOVEMBER ROTA

For Readers and Eucharistic Ministers available from the wall
beside the tabernacle.

FAITH SHARING GROUP

Next meeting on Thursday 8th November in St Joseph's Church
Hall from 7:00pm until 8:30pm. **All welcome.**

CONTACT THE ELDERLY

Has been operating in Stevenage for nearly 2 years and has a
core group of elderly people enjoying a monthly tea party. The
mission is simple, volunteers put on a tea party on a Sunday
afternoon once a month and other volunteers pick up guests
and take them home. Do you have a couple of hours to spare
on a Sunday afternoon as a host family or a driver. As a host
family you would only need room for around 8/10 guests twice
a year. Please contact Emma Peters on 07798796459.

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.

Application deadline is Friday 23rd November 2018.

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FORMS
FOR NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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.

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 on 237117 or
beal_cris@hotmail.co.uk or Kathie on 07939055415

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.

VACANCY AT THE JOHN HENRY NEWMAN SCHOOL

For a Lay Chaplain. Please see the notice board for details.