

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



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## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Divine Psalter: Week 3  
4<sup>th</sup> November 2018

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday:** **Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**  
4.30-4.45: Confessions  
5.00: Robert Farley RIP, Monica Strappe RIP (Anniv)  
Special Intention for Stephen Marshall
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** **31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
9.00: John Marioni RIP
- 5<sup>th</sup> Monday:** **feria**  
9.30: Holy Souls
- 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday:** **feria**  
**9.30: Service of the Word**
- 9<sup>th</sup> Friday:** **THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**  
9.30: John McCarthy RIP
- 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** **Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**  
4.30-4.45: Confessions  
5.00: Tony Jeffs RIP  
Special Intention
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** **32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
9.00: Holy Souls

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**Sunday Reading Cycle: Year B**  
**Weekday Readings: 31<sup>st</sup> Week of Year 2:**  
**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
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**We remember those who are sick in hospital, those  
undergoing treatment, or convalescing:**

*Annie Burnside, 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)**

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

**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.

### **SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND 2018**

*Next weekend our parish will take up a second collection to support the sick and retired Priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation helps ensure that these priests, having followed their vocation and given their lives to the Church, are cared for and supported when they are sick and when they retire. The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund helps cover the medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests, as well as helping them in an emergency. They have been here for us; let us be there for them. Donation leaflets are available today. Please take one home, read about this important work, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)*

**SACRISTANS:-**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> : Jackie Peddie & Sheila Murphy  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> : Donna Holton  
Cleaning Rota : Peter & Joyce Stones  
Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door  
Linen for November : Annette Lines

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

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

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

Monday & Tuesday 9:30am, Thursday 8:00pm

**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.

**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.

**FAITH SHARING GROUP**

Meet on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 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.**

**NOVEMBER ROTA**

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

**MY DAY BY DAY ADVENT BOOKLETS**

Available from the Repository Basket on top of the organ, price £1.00.

**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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL, BEDWELL CRESCENT**

Have limited places available in their "Reception" Class. Please contact Mrs Harriss, Admissions Secretary for further information on 01438 729555.

**ASCENT GROUP**

The Ascent Group meets on Mondays 1:30-3:00pm in the Church for prayers and companionship over a hot drink.

**All welcome.**

**VACANCY AT THE JOHN HENRY NEWMAN SCHOOL**

for a Lay Chaplain. Please see the notice on the notice-board.

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FORMS  
FOR NURSERY 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.

**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.

**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.**

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION AT TRANSFIGURATION**

Thank you for your continuing weekly contributions to the Stevenage Food Bank.

Many Stevenage families are fed from the food bank and your continuing generosity in donating food items every week is true Christian Love in Action! Thank you.

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES**

Please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/> where you can view current vacancies

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER**

**Universal: In the Service of Peace**

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.