

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



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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Divine Psalter: Week 4
11th November 2018

- 10th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Tony Jeffs RIP
A Special Intention
- 11th Sunday: 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9.00: For those who died in war
- 12th Monday: St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**
9.30: Holy Souls
- 14th Wednesday: feria**
9.30: Service of the Word
- 16th Friday: feria**
9.30: Holy Souls
- 17th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Susi Broadbent RIP
Henry Nunn RIP (Anniversary)
- 18th Sunday: 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9.00: Holy Souls

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**Sunday Reading Cycle: Year B**  
**Weekday Readings: 32<sup>nd</sup> Week of Year 2:**  
**32<sup>nd</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.

Background to the Gospel Reading - 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Jesus observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the centre of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the Temple treasury. As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus. To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

*Today we remember in our prayers all those who died in the First and Second World Wars and later conflicts. We remember in a special way those who died in the First World War, given that it is the 100th anniversary of the end of that war. War is a terrible thing. We pray for its end and an end to militarism and the glorification of war. As a mark of respect for all the dead. **Towards the end of the 9:00am Mass the Reader will say "We will remember them" and we all repeat "We will remember them." The Last Post and Reveille will be played.***

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Throughout the month of November we continue to pray for any of our deceased loved ones who may be in purgatory, undergoing a period of purifying suffering, before they enter heaven to see God. Our loved ones benefit from the graces of the Mass, to assist them on their journey to heaven. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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)

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND 2018

Today's second collection is for the sick and retired Priests Fund. This ensures our elderly and sick priests are financially supported in their senior years, after a lifetime of service. Our priests baptised us, counselled us in times of sorrow, and celebrated with us in times of joy.

Since we have received so much from their generosity, it is now our turn to assist them in their old age. The fund ensures that their housing, medical, convalescence, companionship and spiritual support needs are met. Please be generous. Most priests retire with modest means. In later years their ability to live independently can be adversely impacted by their declining health, mobility or frailty. You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations
Thank you for your generosity.

SACRISTANS:-

- Saturday 17th : Mary Smithers & Philiphia Paulus
 - Sunday 18th : Stephanie Elliott
 - Cleaning Rota : Lisette Humphris, Bessie Dias
Evita Fajardo & Emilio (Team 7)
- 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

TERESA JUNEMAN RIP

Who died recently. Cremation at Harwood Park.

AN ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH JO BOYCE & FRIENDS

On Sunday 9th December 6.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Bedwell. Tickets on sale at all 3 churches next weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Children meet on Saturday 17th November 9:30am in Church.

Next weekend we welcome our

First Holy Communion children to the 9:00am Mass.

Please keep the children in your prayers.

THE JOHN HENRY NEWMAN SCHOOL 6TH FORM OPEN EVENING

On Thursday 15th November 6:30-8:30pm.

FAITH SHARING GROUP

Meet on Thursday 15th November in St Joseph's Church Hall from 7:00pm until 8:30pm. **All welcome.**

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

At Coopers. Please telephone Josie on 01438 224182 to book.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE DEANERY WITH BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN AND THE PRIESTS OF THE DEANERY

On Tuesday 27th November, 11:00am at St Joseph's Church, Bedwell. **All welcome.**

NURSERY & MAIN SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2019/2020

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

Application deadline Nursery Friday 23rd November 2018.

Application deadline Main School 15th January 2019.

MY DAY BY DAY ADVENT BOOKLETS

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

ADVENT EXTRA

On Sale from the Grove Road Porch Price £2.50.

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.

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.

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.

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.