

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



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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Divine Psalter: Week 1
18th November 2018

- 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: Commitment Mass for First Holy Communion
Children
- 19th Monday: St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**
9.30: Holy Souls
- 21st Wednesday: feria**
9.30: Service of the Word
- 23rd Friday: feria**
9.30: Sean Kenny (ill)
- 24th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Jo Segrave
- 25th Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
9.00: Haren Family

Sunday Reading Cycle: Year B

Weekday Readings: 33rd Week of Year 2:
33rd 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)

Fr Brian writes...

Background to the Gospel reading.

If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for the final day of judgement. Today, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. If one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time. Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope are found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us. However, we must always be watchful and prepared, for we never know when the Lord will return. If he was to return today...are you ready for Him?

Memorial Mass for Fr Mark Ventura RIP

Thank you to everyone who came to this Mass. A very special event, so prayerfully celebrated by Bishop Paul and several priests, with Fr Mark's mother, family and friends attending. Thank you also to the Filipino community for providing a wonderful selection of food for our fellowship and hospitality after Mass.

**AN ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CONCERT
WITH JO BOYCE & FRIENDS**

On Sunday 9th December 6.30pm at
St Joseph's Church, Bedwell.

**Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend.
£8.00**

HEALING EVENT LAST WEEKEND AT BEDWELL

This was an amazing and wonderful event last weekend. It was good to see many healings and spiritual awakenings. The full fruits and other healings will become evident over the coming weeks. I was personally approached by several lapsed Catholics who said they feel moved to re-engage with their faith. Isn't that wonderful? I want to say a very special thank you to all parish volunteers who very generously gave of their time over the weekend to help at the event, and those who provided B&B for the healing team from the Little Way Healing Ministry, as well as ferrying people to and from Luton airport. Thank you very much. There are also a number of parishioners who are associated with the Little Way Healing Ministry. They worked tirelessly and selflessly to ensure the event happened for several weeks and was a success in the Holy Spirit. They are an example to us all of service to the parish and the Church. Thankyou! Here's to the next time! Praised Be Jesus Christ – alleluia!

SACRISTANS:-

Saturday 24th : Mary Canavan
Sunday 25th : Paula Osmond
Cleaning Rota : Ma Christine, Alexander &
John Gaetos (Team 1)

Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door
Linen for November : Annette Lines

NO WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S NEXT WEEK

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST HILDA'S NEXT WEEK

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

ANNIE BURNSIDE RIP

The Funeral Mass for Annie Burnside takes place on Monday 26th November at 2:00pm followed by cremation at Harwood Park. May she rest in eternal peace.

CAFOD – HARVEST COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity our Parish raised £493.98

READERS

Please take new Mass Book Year C Volume 1 from the Sacristy and return any other Mass Books.

CLEANING ROTA

New Rota now available from the Sacristy.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

This weekend we welcome our
First Holy Communion children to the 9:00am Mass.
Please keep the children in your prayers.

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
At Coopers 12noon. Please telephone Josie on 01438 224182.

FAITH SHARING GROUP

Meet on Thursday 22nd November in St Joseph's Church Hall
from 7:00pm until 8:30pm. **All welcome.**

BIBLE GROUP

The Bible Study Group will start meeting on Sunday 25th
November at 5.30pm in St Joseph's presbytery. **All welcome.**

**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.**

PRAYER GROUP

Next Meeting takes place on Friday 30th November at 2:30pm in
the Presbytery. Please telephone Colleen on 01438 359402 for
information. **All welcome.**

**MORNING OF REFLECTION ON SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER
FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION.**

**THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.** Mass 10:00am, ending with shared
lunch 1:00pm at Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew, Hitchin.

**HOLY TRINITY/CHRIST THE KING PARISH
CHRISTMAS LUNCH -13TH DECEMBER**

As in previous years, we have been warmly invited to join the
Holy Trinity/Christ the King congregations at their Christmas
Lunch at the Novotel Hotel, Stevenage. Details of the menu,
costs and times are on the notice boards. Please sign up if you
wish to participate. Further details from Alan Bruce
(tel. 351506).

**MY DAY BY DAY ADVENT BOOKLETS £1.00
ADVENT EXTRA £2.50.**

NURSERY & MAIN SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2019/2020
Application deadline Nursery Friday 23rd November 2018.
Application deadline Main School 15th January 2019.

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.

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.