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7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Divine Psalter: Week

24th February 2019

23rd Saturday:		**Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
	4.30-4.45:	Confessions
	5.00:	**Memorial Mass for Fr Adrian Walker RIP**
		Tom & Kathleen Power RIP
		Laura Knowles Intention
24th Sunday:		**7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
	9.00:	Mass
25th Monday:		**feria**
	9.30:	**Service of the Word**
27th Wednesday		**feria**
	9.30:	**Service of the Word**
1st Friday:		**ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales**
	9.30:	Mass
2nd Saturday:		**Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
	4.30-4.45:	Confessions
	5.00:	Mass
3rd Sunday:		**8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
	9.00:	Mass

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Sunday Reading Cycle: Year C

Weekday Readings: 7th Week of Year 1

7th Sunday of the Year

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WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN HOSPITAL, THOSE UNDERGOING TREATMENT, OR CONVALESCING:

Alex Simmonds, Emer Leonard, Clarence Cotte, Mary McGee, Peter Stones, Joe Coughlin, Noel Holton, Eileen Greasby, Jane Earl, Betty Cox, Christopher Skipper, Monica Brown & Kathy Dickenson.

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 8:45am-1:00pm

If your enquiry is urgent please email the Secretary

stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk

(email accessed daily)

This weekend we welcome Fr Michael Stewart to the 9:00am Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

6TH MARCH

In the three Stevenage Churches

St Hilda's	9:30am Fr Michael
St Margaret Clitherow	
Mass in School **(All welcome)**	2:00pm Fr Michael
St Joseph's	9:15am Fr Brian
St Joseph's	7:00pm Fr Brian
Transfiguration	7:30pm Fr Michael

Fr Brian writes...

EVANGELISATION: FOLLOW UP GET TOGETHER AFTER 'PROCLAIM SPRING CONFERENCE.'

*Thank you very much to those parishioners who generously gave up their free time to attend the 'Proclaim Spring Conference.' Lots of good ideas were circulated and received. As Stevenage parishes we have **urgent** work to do in the area of Evangelisation, that is, telling as many people as possible about the good news that is Jesus Christ and what he has done for us. This will probably involve reaching out to inactive Catholics as well as those who have never heard the Gospel before, by using a number of different approaches.*

So let's get together on Monday 25th March at 8pm to plan practical ACTION to make IT happen! Do come and join us in the Church hall at St Joseph's, Bedwell**. You don't have to had attended the recent ' Proclaim Spring Conference' to be there - just baptised! See you then. **Fr Brian.

***LENT EXTRA:** On sale price £2.50.*

***WALK WITH ME LENT BOOKLETS:** On Sale £1.00.*
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SACRISTANS:-

Saturday 2nd : Mary Canavan
Sunday 3rd : Paula Osmond
Cleaning Rota : Ma Christine, Alexander and John Gaetos (Team 1)
Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door
Linen for March : Barbara Segadelli

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NO WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S NEXT WEEK

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST HILDA'S NEXT WEEK
Monday & Tuesday 9:30am & Thursday 8:00pm

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME
Children meet on Saturday 2nd March 9:30am in the Church.

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SUNDAY SINGERS AT THE 9:00AM MASS
Next practice will be on Saturday 2nd March at 10:30am in the Church (David 07943806662).

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STEVENAGE CATHOLIC TEENAGERS
*We are having a 'Summit Youth Gathering" in Stevenage. The Westminster Youth Ministry team has planned an exciting evening for our Catholic teenagers from all three parishes on the evening of **FRIDAY 15th MARCH 7:00-9:00pm.** These events are lots of fun, an opportunity to meet with other Catholic teenagers and to learn more about our faith. Please keep the date free.*
***The location will be St Joseph's church in Bedwell**.*

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SUNDAY 7TH APRIL
Our three parishes have been invited by our diocese's seminary - Allen Hall - to visit for the afternoon. You are always generous at praying for our seminarians and financing their formation, so Father Roger Taylor the Rector and his team would like to say thank you by hosting a group from Stevenage on the Sunday afternoon. There will be a welcome, some talks from the Rector and some seminarians, a tour around the seminary and grounds, which are on the site of St Thomas Moore's house. And finishing with Solemn evening Prayer in the seminary chapel.
***A coach will leave Stevenage at 12.15 pm and return from London at 5.40 pm**. As we only have **40 places**, if you would like to come, please just drop an email to stevenagebedwell@rcdow.org.uk or if you have no email, just call Sue or Lynne in any of the parish offices. It will be a great day out and suitable for all ages.*

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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.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY
*There will be **no Children's Liturgy on Sunday 24th February** as it is half-term.*

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

ARE YOU FEELING VALIANT?
***On 30th May this year, members of Baldock Parish will be making a ten-day pilgrimage to Lourdes with Across**.*
The group will include helpers, nurses, a priest and VIPs - Very Important Pilgrims. These are people with disabilities or age-related conditions. We can take people who have complex needs through to the elderly with mobility problems or minor illness. There are currently several places available for both helpers and VIPs. Helpers need no previous experience: just a willing spirit and the ability to help others. We will be travelling in a Jumbulance, a specially designed coach that has seven beds, 18 recliner seats, a disabled toilet and a well-stocked kitchen. It contains medical supplies and equipment. We will be staying at a four-star hotel in Lourdes, minutes from the Domain. The trip is a pilgrimage and a holiday. We will be taking part in masses and processions as well as local sightseeing. The cost of the ten-day trip, for both Helpers and VIPs, is £750. Some financial help may be available. Travellers between 16 and 25 are half price. This includes all travel, seven nights full board in the hotel as well as meals en-route. If you or someone you know would like to learn more,
please contact Fr Denis Sarsfield on 01462 893127

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IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE
*Afternoon Social, Wednesday 27th February Bedwell Community Centre, 1-3pm. **All welcome.**.*
*Tickets on sale for **St Patricks Day Lunch on Sunday 17th March at the Holiday Inn Stevenage**. Please contact Elaine at the INS Office for more information on 01438 725400 or email info@irishnetworkstevenage.org.uk or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.*

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CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, ON SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2019 AT 3PM.
*The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019.*
*If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the following details to the parish office: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). **Letters/email should arrive at the Parish Office by Monday 11th March.***

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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.*
Please only sign if your child is with you at Mass.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY
***Universal:** For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.*