

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



Parish Priest of THE COMBINED STEVENAGE PARISHES: **Fr Michael Doherty, SDS**,
Resident at St Hilda's, Shephall. Tel: 01438 352182

Fr Brian McMahon Resident at St Joseph's, Bedwell Tel: 351243 Mobile: 0753 476 4940

Church of the Transfiguration, Grove Road, Old Town.

Postal Address: 4, Basils Road, Stevenage, SG1 3PX Phone: 01438 226857

Email: stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk

Web address: <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stevenagetransfiguration>

**Lister Hospital: The Catholic Chaplain can be contacted on 01438 285138
(24/7 urgent need 01438 314333) via text message 0788 418 7463**

Archbishop's Safeguarding Service Co-ordinator: Confidential phone numbers:

01582 712245 or 07814 879129

Parish Safeguarding Representative: John Sloan 01438 226857 / 0790 013 8371 and
email address john@sloan.me.uk.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Psalter: Week 4

12th May 2019

11th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

5.00: Mass

12th Sunday: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00: Mass

13th Monday: Easter feria

9.30: Mass

15th Wednesday: Easter feria

9.30: Service of the Word

17th Friday: Easter feria

9.30: Mass

18th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

4.30-4.45: Confessions

5.00: Mass

19th Sunday: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00: Mass

~~~~~  
**Sunday Reading Cycle: Year C**

**Weekday Readings: Easter Season**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
~~~~~

**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.
~~~~~

**Parish Secretary in the office next week**

**Tuesday 8:45-11.30am, Wednesday 8:45am-12noon, &  
Friday 8:45am-1:00pm**

**If your enquiry is urgent please email the Secretary**

**[stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk)**

**(email accessed daily)**

**Fr Brian writes...**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter 2019, Year C**

**Good Shepherd Sunday.** *John 10:27-30* Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

This fourth Sunday of Easter is called **Good Shepherd Sunday**. It is also when traditionally an appeal is made for the **Priests Training Fund**. It is an opportunity to support our seminarians as they progress through their six years of residential training, leading to priestly ordination. Your contribution will support men such as Mike Guthrie, who has been here with us the past year. Mike will make the appeal for the Priest Training Fund (PTF) at all our Masses this weekend. The formal collection for the PTF will take place as a second collection next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. However, at the end of Mass this weekend there will be a second collection for the Priests Training Fund. This is to enable those of us who feel moved, to make an immediate donation to support the essential work of training men like Mike, who will, please God, become our future priests. The Gospel reading today come from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. In this chapter Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep, in particular in relation to the sacrificial care that bishops and priests must have for you their people. Pray please for your shepherds and thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

**Proclaim! Parish Evangelization Team follow up meeting**

The next meeting of our **Parish Evangelization Team** is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm in St Joseph's Presbytery. Do come along to this meeting. Everyone in the parish has a role to play. If we as a parish are not making disciples of Jesus Christ, then what are we doing?

**SPRING FAYRE THIS SUNDAY  
12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1:00-4:00PM  
IN  
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL**

A fun day for all the family. Stalls,  
food, bouncy castles and  
lots more.  
**All Welcome.**

**SACRISTANS:-**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> : Kerrie Lamb  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> : Donna Holton  
Cleaning Rota : Segun & Marianne Omosilade  
*Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door*  
Linen for May : Virginia Motilla

**WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S NEXT WEEK**  
Thursday & Friday 9:15am

**WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST HILDA'S NEXT WEEK**  
Monday & Tuesday 9.30am & Thursday 8:00pm

**STEPHEN MURPHY RIP**

The Funeral Service for Stephen Murphy takes place on  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11:45am at Harwood Park  
Crematorium. May he rest in eternal peace.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Are now ready for collection from the wall beside the  
Tabernacle.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

Children meet on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 9:30am in Church.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS AND CARDS**

On sale from the tray on top of the organ.

**CONFIRMATION AT ST HILDA'S CHURCH  
TAKES PLACE ON SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 3:00PM**

Six of our young people will be Confirmed at a special  
Mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 3:00pm at St Hilda's Church  
by Bishop Paul McAleenan.  
Please keep them in your Prayers.

**ASCENT GROUP**

The Ascent group meet every Monday 1:30-3:0pm in  
the Church for prayer and friendship. **All welcome.**

**SCIMP**

Many thanks to those who kindly supported the SCIMP  
Cream Tea event last Sunday. AS WELL AS being a  
friendly enjoyable event, more than £200 was raised  
for our new project OF SUPPORTING EDUCATION IN  
CAMBODIA.

**Hold the date for SCIMP next fundraising event –  
A Summer Concert by Stevenage Men's Choir –  
Sunday 9th June. Tickets on sale soon.**

**THY KINGDOM COME BEACON CELEBRATION 2019**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 6:30pm at St Albans Cathedral.  
Please take a leaflet from the bookshelf.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

The Kerala and Filipino Community are inviting  
everyone to come and celebrate with our dear Mother  
Mary on Saturday, 18th May at 12:00 pm at St Joseph's  
Church. Join us in the procession together with the  
Feast of flowers and a solemn Mass  
celebrated by Fr Brian.

As one big happy family of Stevenage we have  
prepared food to share for a family gathering  
and fellowship.

We need volunteers to help clean and tidy up after the  
Mass. If you can help please contact Nancy on 0798  
537 5955, Sebastian on 0775 822 9830 or Augustine on  
0773 795 6977.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND MASS REGISTRATION**

**Children's Liturgy** for children from Reception  
to Year 6. 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.**  
**The sign-in sheets can be found on top of the organ.**

**VACANCIES FOR A CHILDREN'S WORKER 0-5 YEARS  
AND 6-11 YEARS AT HIGH STREET METHODIST  
CHURCH, STEVENAGE**

Please see the noticeboard for details or email  
[highstreetmethodiststeward@gmx.co.uk](mailto:highstreetmethodiststeward@gmx.co.uk). Closing date  
for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> May, interview date 15<sup>th</sup> June.

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

**Evangelisation:** That the Church in Africa, through the  
commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity  
among her peoples and a sign of hope for this  
continent.