

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



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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Psalter: Week 1
19th May 2019

18th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
5.00: Mass
19th Sunday: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9.00: Mass
20th Monday: Easter feria
9.30: Mass
22nd Wednesday: Easter feria
9.30: Service of the Word
24th Friday: Easter feria
9.30: Mass
25th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Mass
26th Sunday: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9.00: Mass

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Sunday Reading Cycle: Year C  
Weekday Readings: Easter Season  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
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Parish Secretary in the office next week
Tuesday 8:45-11.30am & Friday 8:45am-1:00pm

If your enquiry is urgent please email the Secretary
stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk
(email accessed daily)

Fr Brian writes...

5th Sunday of Easter Year C. Background on the Gospel Reading. *John 13:31-33a 34-35*

Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper. John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show. John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others. Do we see it in this parish?

Proclaim! Parish Evangelization Team follow up meeting

The next meeting of our **Parish Evangelization Team** is on Thursday 23rd 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?

**CONFIRMATION AT ST HILDA'S CHURCH
THIS SUNDAY 19TH MAY AT 3:00PM**

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

SACRISTANS:-

Saturday 25th : Mary Smithers & Philipia Paulus
Sunday 26th : Stephanie Elliott
Cleaning Rota : Peter & Joyce Stones
Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door
Linen for May : Virginia Motilla

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

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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.

Please pray for your shepherds and thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

STEPHEN MURPHY RIP

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

IRISH NETWORK, STEVENAGE

Are looking to help and support older members of the community with their Phones, Computers, how to use WhatsApp, how to send text messages, Facebook, Messenger, Instagram etc? To enable older members of the community to keep up with the ever expanding digital world. Please get in touch with Karen at the INS office 01438 725400 to book for a 1:1 appointment.

Afternoon Social on Wednesday 22nd May at Bedwell Community Centre, 1.00pm until 3.00pm.

A fun afternoon of live music, dancing and entertainment plus we have a raffle with tea, coffee, biscuits and everyone is welcome. Please feel free to contact Elaine Connolly on 01438 725400 for more information regarding our events.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS AND CARDS

On sale from the tray on top of the organ.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT DEMENTIA?

Who are Dementia Friends?

Please come along on Tuesday 21st May at 5pm for a short 45 minutes session at St Vincent de Paul School – Bedwell Crescent SG1 1NJ (Junior Hall)

We will be serving tea and coffee and even a slice of cake ...

If you would like to book a place or find out more ring Su on 0778 872 5110 (Red Shed Project)

ASCENT GROUP

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

THY KINGDOM COME BEACON CELEBRATION 2019

Sunday 9th June 6:30pm at St Albans Cathedral.

Please take a leaflet from the bookshelf.

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. Closing date for applications is 28th May, interview date 15th June.

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 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.