

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



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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Psalter: Week 3

2ND June 2019

- 1st Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
5.00: Mass
- 2nd Sunday: 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
World Communications Day
9.00: Mass
- 3rd Monday: Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
9.30: Mass
- 5th Wednesday: St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
9.30: Service of the Word
- 7th Friday: Easter feria
9.30: Mass
- 8th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Mass
- 9th Sunday: PENTECOST SUNDAY
9.00: Mass

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Sunday Reading Cycle: Year C

Weekday Readings: Easter Season

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
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**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN HOSPITAL,
THOSE UNDERGOING TREATMENT, OR CONVALESCING:**

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 10:00am-1:00pm &

Friday 8:45am-2:00pm

(please note new times on Wednesday and Friday)

If your enquiry is urgent please email the Secretary

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

(email accessed daily)

### Fr Brian writes...

#### Background on this Sunday's the Gospel Reading.

#### **John 17: 20-26. Jesus prays for his disciples.**

This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' farewell to the disciples at the Last Supper. The whole of this chapter is a prayer of Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden of Gethsemane where Jesus is arrested and the following day tortured and executed. In this prayer, Jesus reaffirms the complete union between himself and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth. Jesus asks that the unity he experiences with the Father be extended to all who believe in him. He prays that we be one with each other, with him, and with the Father. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God our Father. Jesus prays not only for those who believe in him but for all who will come to believe in him. We in this church today are amongst them. And he prays that the love of the Father in him may also be in all who believe so that Jesus might be in them as well. Before you were born, Jesus prayed for you. How does that make you feel?

#### **Pentecost is coming - Veni Sancte Spiritus!**

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Do pray to the Holy Spirit invoking his help for yourselves and for our parish. You can pray this simple prayer everyday : **Veni Sancte Spiritus!**

#### **A weekly extract from the Catechism of the Catholic Church for our reflection.**

#### **Why is prayer a "battle"?**

"Prayer is a gift of grace but it always presupposes a determined response on our part because those who pray "battle" against themselves, their surroundings, and especially the Tempter who does all he can to turn them away from prayer. The battle of prayer is inseparable from progress in the spiritual life. We pray as we live because we live as we pray."

**Stevenage Male Voice Choir Concert  
on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 2:30pm  
at All Saints Church, The Oval,  
Stevenage**

Tickets £5.00

(which includes light refreshments)

**All Proceeds to SCIMP**

**For tickets contact Cris on**

**01438 237117**

**or pay on the door on the day.**

**SACRISTANS:-**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> : Kerrie Lamb  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> : Paula Osmond  
Cleaning Rota : Ma Christine, Alexander &  
John Gaetos (Team 1)

Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door  
Linen for June : Evita Fajardo

**WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S NEXT WEEK**

Wednesday 7:00pm, Thursday & Friday 9:15am

**WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST HILDA'S NEXT WEEK**

Monday 9.30am, Tuesday, Funeral Mass 10:00am &  
Thursday 8:00pm

**53<sup>RD</sup> CELEBRATION OF  
WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY  
SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE**

*On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in Communications.*

*Particularly for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country. The Communications office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image. The Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media.*

**Please take a Prayer Card from the Grove Road Porch or the Book Shelf.**

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND**

*Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection. **Our Parish raised £625.17.** It is not too late to make a donation if you wish.*

*Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood.*

*For more information, or to make a donation, visit*

[www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

**LADIES LUNCH**

*Takes place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 12noon for 12:15pm at **The Coopers next door to Sainsbury's** at the Poplars, SB1 terminates there. Good meals at very reasonable prices, warm welcome of new and old diners, plenty of chat and laughter. All welcome.*

**Raffle prizes welcome.**

**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.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

**Rehearsal takes place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am.**

*First Holy Communion Gifts and Cards on sale from the tray on top of the organ.*

**ASCENT GROUP**

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

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES**

*Please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/> where you can view current vacancies.*

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION**

*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!*

**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.**

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

**Universal:** *That Priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.*