



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

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THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Divine Psalter: Week 4
23rd June 2019

- 22nd Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
5.00: Mass
- 23rd Sunday:** THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)
9.00: Mass
2.00: First Holy Communion Mass
- 24th Monday:** The Nativity of St John The Baptist
9.30: Mass
- 26th Wednesday:** feria
9.30: Service of the Word
- 28th Friday:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
9.30: Mass
- 29th Saturday:** The Immaculate Heart of Mary
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Mass
- 30th Sunday:** Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles
9.00: Mass

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Sunday Reading Cycle: Year C

Weekday Readings: 12<sup>th</sup> Week of Year 1

The Feast of Corpus Christi  
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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...

*In case you missed it last week, here's my news again...I'M LEAVING! The news is that I have been appointed as parish priest of a new parish that has been formed from the merger of two parishes and is now known as 'Hemel West with the Churches of St Mary & St Joseph and St Mark.' I will take up this appointment in September. Fr Michael will let you know shortly who my replacement will be. I have very much enjoyed my time here in Stevenage. Thank you for everything.*

**The Parish Garden Party  
has been postponed  
from Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
to a date (to be arranged) in  
September/October,  
when we will welcome our  
new priest**

**Please note:  
THE 9:00AM MASS WILL TAKE  
PLACE AS USUAL  
and the extra  
MASS AT 11:00AM  
IS CANCELLED  
next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June**



**Please keep the children in your prayers who will make their First Holy Communion this weekend.**

**SACRISTANS:-**

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> : Kerrie Lamb
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> : Paula Osmond
- Cleaning Rota : Simon Williams & Tara Hallet
- Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door
- Linen for July : Colleen Paine

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL**

There will be a **FAREWELL CELEBRATION** for Fr Brian Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August Following the 12:15pm Mass at St Joseph's, Bedwell. This celebration will be shared by all 3 parishes. **Everyone most welcome.**

We will also be saying goodbye to **Seminarian Mike Guthrie** who will be leaving in early August. We will celebrate his time with us with a bring and share party and we are asking parishioners to kindly bring desserts/cakes on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July** following the 12:15pm Mass at St Joseph's Bedwell.

**THE JOHN HENRY NEWMAN SCHOOL PRESENTS SUMMER CONCERT 2019**

Come and celebrate Mr Wright's long service to the Music Department at JHN as he lifts the baton for the final time on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7:00pm. We welcome former students, parents and staff to join in. Please contact Mrs Hewitson on [hewitsonc@jhn.herts.sch.uk](mailto:hewitsonc@jhn.herts.sch.uk) if you are a former student and wish to get involved. JHNA will also be running a BBQ and bar. There will also be Filipino food and ice creams plus lots more. All available from 5pm so feel free to arrive early and enjoy the whole day.

Tickets £5 email [westc@jhn.herts.sch.uk](mailto:westc@jhn.herts.sch.uk)

**ASCENT GROUP**

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

**NO PRAYER GROUP IN JUNE**

**DANIEL MURTAGH, ONE OF OUR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS, HAS BEEN SELECTED TO REPRESENT GB AND BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR HIS SCHOOL AT THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL GAMES IN ROMANIA IN JULY 2019.**

As part of the week of sporting events he will compete in individual and team swimming events. He will also have the opportunity to discuss the impact our world is having on the environment and 'caring for the earth, our common home' as described in the Popes letter 'Laudato Si' with his fellow international participants, as well as celebrating Mass in the cathedral in Bucharest. This is a great opportunity for him. Daniel is raising funds to contribute to his place, so if any parishioners would be willing to support him, he would be very grateful. He has set up a crowd funding page.

<https://www.gofundme.com/romania-world-catholic-games-2019>

**IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE STRENGTH AND BALANCE CLASSES**

The Strength and Balance classes have proved to be very popular over the past year, helping to reduce the risk of falls. We have been given additional funding towards the cost of these classes. Please contact INS as soon as possible for the July classes, as they will sell out quickly. Please get in touch with Elaine for more information at the INS on Tel 01438 725400.

**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.**

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

Wednesday 7:00pm & Thursday 9:15am

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

Monday & Tuesday 9.30am & Thursday 8:00pm

**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.