

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



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Divine Psalter: Week 3
16th June 2019

- 15th Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
5.00: Mass
- 16th Sunday:** THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
9.00: Mass
2.00: First Holy Communion Mass
- 17th Monday:** feria
9.30: Mass
- 19th Wednesday:** feria
9.30: Service of the Word
- 21st Friday:** feria
9.30: Mass
- 22nd Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Mass
- 23rd Sunday:** THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)
9.00: Mass
2.00: First Holy Communion Mass

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Sunday Reading Cycle: Year C

Weekday Readings: 11<sup>th</sup> Week of Year 2

The Most Holy Trinity  
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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...

***The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Week 11 of Ordinary Time. Cycle C 2019. Background to the Gospel reading: Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit of truth will guide us.***

*This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity—one God in three persons. The verses of today's Gospel come near the end of Jesus' long discourse at the Last Supper. In the early part of this discourse, as we saw last week on Pentecost, Jesus offers assurances to the disciples. Even though he must leave the disciples, he tells them that they will have a future because of the help he will send them in the Holy Spirit. In this section he focuses more on the shape of the future, which will include Jesus' victory over the world that they will share in. The disciples of Jesus cannot know the future. They can only know that, whatever shape the future takes, they will not have to face it alone. They have the Spirit of Truth, who will continue to provide the teaching of Jesus in the future. Reading this passage on Trinity Sunday reinforces our understanding of the unity shared by the members of the Trinity. Although the idea of one God in three persons remains a mystery, we have the assurance that, as Jesus and the Father share all, Jesus and the Spirit share all.*

### **SO LONG, FAREWELL, IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO!**

*I have enjoyed my time in Stevenage over the last three years, first as a Deacon and then as a Priest. 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 at the start of September. At the time of writing I don't know who my replacement will be, but Fr Michael will let you know. Thank you for everything.*

**Fr Brian**



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

## Happy Fathers' Day!

A Happy Fathers' Day to dads everywhere and the great work you do supporting your families.

### ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

At St Margaret Clitherow School **this Thursday**  
20<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am.  
**All parishioners most welcome.**

#### SACRISTANS:-

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> : Mary Canavan  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> : Stephanie Elliott  
Cleaning Rota : Sara Shepherd & Barbara O'Boy  
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

Thursday 8:00pm

#### FR DENIS WATTERS RIP

**A Memorial Mass will be held at St Joseph's Church, Bedwell on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm in remembrance of Fr Denis and in thanksgiving for his priestly ministry. Please do come. May he receive the reward of his labours in the Lord's vineyard, and may he rest in peace.**

#### DAY FOR LIFE SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

This year Day for Life will focus on all those who are suffering or have survived domestic abuse. It provides an opportunity to pray, reflect, and to choose the ways in which action, as well as practical and emotional support, can ensure the dignity of human life is upheld at every stage of a person's life. We will be sending a donation from the Church but if you wish to make a donation please mark your envelope "Day for Life." **Please take a Prayer Card from the Grove Road Porch or the Bookshelf in the Church.**

#### READERS

Please take new Mass Book Year C, Volume 2 from the Sacristy.

#### PARISH EVENT ON SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

##### LED BY THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding a Parish garden party from 1.00pm onwards led by the Filipino Community. All welcome. **Further details to follow.**

#### 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

#### IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE RECEIVE HONOUR

Are proud to announce that they are deeply honoured to be awarded the prestigious **Queen's Award** and they are very proud of their volunteers. It is their tireless devotion to the older people in Stevenage that has made the INS the charity it is today! Congratulations from the Parish.

#### 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)

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND MASS REGISTRATION

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

**THIS SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.**

**The sign-in sheets can be found on top of the organ.**

**Pre-School Age to Year 6 should sign in for Mass.**

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.**

#### 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.