

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



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Divine Psalter: Week 2
9th June 2019

8th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
5.00: Mass
9th Sunday: PENTECOST SUNDAY
9.00: Mass
10th Monday: feria
9.30: Mass
12th Wednesday: feria
9.30: Service of the Word
14th Friday: feria
9.30: Mass
15th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
4.30-4.45: Mass
16th Sunday: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
9.00: Mass
2.00: First Holy Communion Mass

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Sunday Reading Cycle: Year C

Weekday Readings: 10<sup>th</sup> Week of Year 2  
Pentecost Sunday

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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...

**Today is Pentecost Sunday. Come Holy Spirit!**

*The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. It begins in fire and wind and an unbelievable outbreak of joy! Wherever joy is - there is the Holy Spirit. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. So listen carefully! The Gospel of John also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. After his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world. This same Spirit is given to us at our Baptism and Confirmation. We should all pray for a release and an intensification of the graces given to us by the Holy Spirit so that we too are set on fire!*

**This weekend we welcome  
Fr Frank Leonard to the  
Saturday 5:00pm Mass.**



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

**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 15<sup>th</sup> : Mary Smithers  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> : Donna Holton  
Cleaning Rota : Virginia & Poniano Motilla (Team 2)  
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 & Tuesday 9.30am & Thursday 8:00pm

**FR DENIS WATTERS RIP**

We have received the sad news of the death of Fr Denis Watters. Fr Denis served St Joseph's, Bedwell, and many parishioners will have fond memories of him.

Fr Denis was 72 years of age, and a Priest for 47 years. Fr Denis' Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 12noon at the church of St Gregory the Great, 447 Victoria Road, South Ruislip HA4 0EG. Fr Michael will be attending.

**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.**

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

**READERS**

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

**IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE TEA AND DANCE**

On Wednesday 12th June at Bedwell Community Centre 1-3pm. An afternoon of old time music, dancing and entertainment with tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes and scones and everyone is welcome. Entry is by ticket only £4.00 members and £5.00 non-members. If you would like more information or would like a ticket, please contact Elaine Connolly in the office on 01438 725400.

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