



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

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THE FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Divine Psalter: Week 1
30th June 2019

- 29th Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
5.00: Mass
- 30th Sunday:** The Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles
9.00: Mass
- 1st Monday:** DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL
9.30: Mass
- 3rd Wednesday:** ST THOMAS, Apostle
9.30: Service of the Word
- 5th Friday:** feria
9.30: Mass
- 6th Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Thanksgiving Mass for our First Holy Communion Children
- 7th Sunday:** 14th Sunday of the Year
9.00: Mass

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Sunday Reading Cycle: Year C

Weekday Readings: 13<sup>th</sup> Week of Year 1

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul  
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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.

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

(email accessed daily)

NEW PRIEST COMING IN SEPTEMBER

The Cardinal has appointed Fr Nigel Woollen as the new Assistant Priest for Stevenage, living at St Joseph's, Bedwell. Fr Nigel is 53, from North London and has been a Priest for 23 years.

He replaces Fr Brian who moves on to be Parish Priest of Hemel Hempstead. We wish Fr Brian well in his new ministry and look forward to welcoming Fr Nigel when he arrives here on the 4th September.

Fr Michael



**Thanksgiving Mass for our
First Holy Communion children
next Saturday 6th July 5:00pm.
Please keep the children in your prayers.**

**You are all welcome to join the families for
refreshments after the Mass.**

SACRISTANS:-

Saturday 6th : Teresa Jones
Sunday 7th : Sue & Peter Coy
Cleaning Rota : Segun & Marianne Omosilade
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 4th 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 7th July** following the 12:15pm Mass at St Joseph's Bedwell.

THE JHN 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 6th July at 7:00pm. We welcome former students, parents and staff to join in. Please contact Mrs Hewitson on 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

SCHOOL GOVERNORS NEEDED AT

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL, BEDWELL

The School are seeking new School Governors. Please take an information letter from the bookshelf.

ASCENT GROUP

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

LADIES LUNCH

Takes place on Wednesday 3rd July 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.

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>

INS - STRENGTH AND BALANCE CLASSES

The 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.