



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

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14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Divine Psalter: Week 2
7th July 2019

- 6th Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
5.00: Thanksgiving Mass for our First Holy Communion Children
- 7th Sunday:** 14th Sunday of the Year
9.00: Mass
- 8th Monday:** feria
9.30: Mass
- 10th Wednesday:** feria
9.30: Service of the Word
- 12th Friday:** feria
9.30: Mass
- 13th Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Mass
- 14th Sunday:** 15th Sunday of the Year
9.00: Mass

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Sunday Reading Cycle: Year C

Weekday Readings: 14<sup>th</sup> Week of Year 1

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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)

Fr Brian writes...

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C 2019.

Background to the Gospel Reading:

Luke 10:1-12,17-20. Jesus sends out 72 people to announce the coming kingdom.

*Jesus appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them. A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. Those workers are **YOU** READING THIS NEWSLETTER!*



**Thanksgiving Mass for our
First Holy Communion children
this 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 13th : Janet Crafton
Sunday 14th : Donna Holton
Cleaning Rota : Peter & Joyce Stones
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.

JANE EARL RIP

The Funeral for Jane Earl takes place on Monday 22nd
July at 1.00pm followed by burial at Weston Road. May
she rest in eternal peace.

THANK YOU FROM SCIMP

"A very sincere THANK YOU to everyone who made the
recent concert by Stevenage Male Voice Choir such a
success. We made a profit of approximately £350, so
thanks to all who bought tickets, made a donation or
supported our raffle. This money will go a long way to
improve education in a village in Cambodia."

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA - "SEA SUNDAY"

This weekend is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for
all those who live and work at sea. There will be a
second collection for Apostleship of the Sea at all
Masses this weekend, the official maritime welfare
agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and
spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is
dependent on voluntary donations, please give
generously. Please take a donation envelope and
prayer card. For more information about its work,
please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.or.uk

ASCENT GROUP

Meetings resume in September.
A dinner will be arranged before September.

JULY ROTA

For Readers and Eucharistic Ministers available from
the wall beside the tabernacle.

IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE

AFTERNOON TEA AND DANCE

On Wednesday 10th July 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
£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 INS office
on 01438 725400.

HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION 2020

Registration forms are now available from the Grove
Road Porch. Please note the closing date!

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.

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.

**A big thank you to Caroline Cowen and her assistants
for running the Children's Liturgy.** Caroline will be
stepping down at the end of July. If you would like to
volunteer to lead the Children's Liturgy at the 9:00am
Mass from September, please email the Parish Office
stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk

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!

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

Evangelisation: That those who administer justice may
work with integrity, and that the injustice which
prevails in the world may not have the last word.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 7:00pm & Friday 9:15am

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST HILDA'S NEXT WEEK

Monday & Tuesday 9.30am