



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

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## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Divine Psalter: Week 3  
**11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday  
4.30-4.45: Confessions  
5.00: Mass
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
9.00: Mass
- 12<sup>th</sup> Monday:** feria  
**9.30: Service of the Word**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr  
**9.30: No Service of the Word**
- 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday:** THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
**9.30: Mass**
- 16<sup>th</sup> Friday:** feria  
**9.30: Service of the Word**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday  
4.30-4.45: Confessions  
5.00: Mass
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
9.00: Mass

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Sunday Reading Cycle: Year C

Weekday Readings: 19<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*

### **THANKYOU!**

*I just want to say a very big **THANKYOU!** to everyone who came to my farewell Mass and Celebration last Sunday at St Joseph's. I really appreciate the cards and gifts. Thank you. Bless you for your generosity. I am grateful to many for expressing in words and writing their gratitude for my priestly ministry. Thank you also to the Monday morning Mass community and the warmth of your goodbyes that you shared with me. It was such a blessing to celebrate that Mass with you on your titular feast day, the Transfiguration of the Lord. A very good Mass turnout was in evidence amongst the usual Monday Mass attendees for that significant annual Mass. I am now on holiday and will celebrate my final 9:00am Mass with you when I return on Sunday 1st September and then leave St Joseph's. My successor will be Fr Nigel Woollen. I move to the relatively new parish of Hemel West in September, which has been formed from the merger of two parishes and retains both churches. I look forward to completing the changes there and planning for the future with the people. God bless you all. Pray for me and I will pray for you. **Fr Brian***

### **Parish Secretary in the office next week**

Tuesday 8:45-11.30am, Wednesday 10:00am-1:00pm &  
Friday 8:45am-2:00pm

If your enquiry is urgent please email the Secretary  
[stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk)  
(email accessed daily)

***This weekend we welcome  
Fr Michael Doyle  
to the 9:00am Mass***

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION  
THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

<i>Transfiguration, Old Town</i>	<i>9:30am</i>
<i>St Joseph's, Bedwell</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
<i>St Hilda's, Shephall</i>	<i>8:00pm</i>

**SACRISTANS:-**

*Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> : Mary Smithers & Philiphia Paulus*  
*Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> : Stephanie Elliott*  
*Cleaning Rota : Simon Williams & Tara Hallett*  
*Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door*  
*Linen for August : Mary McCrory*

**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

*On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September.*

*The Knights of St Columba have a coach going to the  
Diocesan Pilgrimage leaving St Joseph's Church at  
8:00am and returning around 8:00pm.*

*Adults £20.00, children £10.00.*

*Please bring a picnic lunch.*

*Please write your name and telephone number on the  
clip board on top of the organ or telephone  
Vincent Scheuber on 01438 361138.*

**HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION 2020**

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

**THE JOHN HENRY NEWMAN  
SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2020**

**CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**

*Forms are available from the Bookshelf and the Grove  
Road Porch.*

*Please complete both forms and post through the  
Presbytery letterbox. Completed forms will be  
available from the tray in the Sacristy.*

*Requests must be made by Sunday 15th September  
please. So get them in quickly!*

**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.*

**NO MASS REGISTRATION UNTIL  
SEPTEMBER**

**ATTENDING MASS WHEN ON HOLIDAY**

*As Catholics, we come to Mass every week out of love  
for God and in thanks for all that he has done for us in  
Jesus. I know that you will want to put God first in all  
your choices when you are on holiday and set a good  
example for your children, through Mass attendance. It  
is an act of love for the love we have been given by  
Him. This website is a good help, though you may want  
to contact the church just to confirm its advertised  
Mass times: <https://masstimes.org/>*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

*A big thank you to Caroline Cowen and her assistants  
for running the Children's Liturgy. Caroline has now  
stepped down. 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*

**IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE  
AFTERNOON TEA AND DANCE**

*On Wednesday 14th August 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.*

**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 AUGUST**

*Universal: That families, through their life of prayer  
and love, become ever more clearly  
'schools of true human growth'.*

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

*Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August for the Feast of the Assumption  
Mass at 10:00am*

**WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST HILDA'S**

*Monday, Tuesday 9.30am & Thursday 8:00pm*