



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

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20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Divine Psalter: Week 4
18th August 2019

17th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

4.30-4.45: Confessions

5.00: Mass

18th Sunday: 20th Sunday of the Year

9.00: Mass

19th Monday: feria

9.30: Service of the Word

21st Wednesday: St Pius X, Pope

9.30: Service of the Word

23rd Friday: feria

9.30: Mass

24th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

4.30-4.45: Confessions

5.00: Mass

25th Sunday: 21st Sunday of the Year

9.00: Mass

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**Sunday Reading Cycle: Year C**

**Weekday Readings: 20<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**

**If your enquiry is urgent please email the Secretary
stevenageoldtown@rcdow.org.uk
(email accessed daily)**

MESSAGE FROM FR NIGEL OUR NEW PRIEST WHO JOINS US ON THE 4TH SEPTEMBER

Dear friends,

As you may know, I'll be starting in Stevenage at the beginning of September, to help Fr Michael in serving the people of St Joseph's and Transfiguration Parishes in Stevenage. It'll be a challenge to follow in Fr Brian's footsteps, as I know he's done so much.

I'm really looking forward to this new mission, and I've found everyone I've met so far very friendly and welcoming!

I'm originally from Barnet, but lived abroad for nearly 30 years until last summer, firstly in France and Italy, then the last 15 years in Ireland, working at Knock Shrine in County Mayo - so you'll understand if I have a slight Irish accent. It'll take me a while to get to know everyone, but I'm sure you'll be patient if I don't remember your names right away. With my prayers for you all, see you very soon!

All best wishes,
Fr Nigel Woollen

***This weekend we welcome
Fr Peter Maher
to the 9:00am Mass***

**ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY ON
SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER**

12:30-3:30PM

Our great annual summer event when we come together socially as a parish.

This year's party will have the added opportunity to meet our new Priest Fr Nigel who will be arriving in Stevenage a few days before.

The parish Filipino Community have kindly agreed to organise the catering so we look forward to a great day.

SACRISTANS:-

Saturday 24th : Lorraine De Klerk
Sunday 25th : Paula Osmond
Cleaning Rota : Segan & Marianne Omosilade
Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door Linen for August : Mary McCrory

DUNCAN CAMERON RIP

The Funeral Mass for Duncan Cameron takes place on Thursday 29th August at 2:30pm at St Joseph's Church, Bedwell, followed by committal at Harwood Park.
May he rest in eternal peace.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

On Saturday 21st 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**

**NILAND CONFERENCE CENTRE, ROSARY PRIORY,
93 ELSTREE ROAD, BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS, WD23 4EE
CONFLICT AND PEACE**

Morning reflection with Sister Regina McGarry OP & Monika Cleaver. How Jesus teaches us to engage healthily with conflict. **Monday, 9 September 10-12.30**
(suggested donation £6) Tel: 07746 707 247

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

On Friday afternoons 1.30pm to 2.30pm, our So Healthy Exercise Class. This is a gentle chair based exercise class at Bedwell Community Centre and is £2.00. The benefits of exercising can make a massive difference to your life and well-being. For more information, please contact Elaine Connolly in the Irish Network 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'.

NO WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S NEXT WEEK

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST HILDA'S

Monday, Tuesday 9.30am & Thursday 8:00pm