



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

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Archbishop's Safeguarding Service Co-ordinator: Confidential phone numbers
01582 712245 or 07814 879129

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23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Divine Psalter: Week 3

8th September 2019

7th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Mass

8th Sunday: 23rd Sunday of the Year
9.00: Mass

9th Monday: feria
9.30: Mass

11th Wednesday: feria
9.30: Service of the Word

13th Friday: feria
9.30: Mass
1.00: Funeral Mass for Abina Ormond RIP

14th Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
4.30-4.45: Confessions
5.00: Mass

15th Sunday: 24th Sunday of the Year
9.00: Mass

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**Sunday Reading Cycle: Year C**

**Weekday Readings: 23<sup>rd</sup> Week of Year 1**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
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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)

**We welcome Fr Nigel Woollen,
our new Priest who joins us this
weekend and we all wish him well
and pray for him in his new ministry
in our Parish.**

MESSAGE FROM FR NIGEL

I am very happy to be with you in Stevenage at last. I am already appreciating my new mission, and I have found everyone I've met so far very friendly and welcoming! I am 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.

All best wishes,
Fr Nigel Woollen

HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION 2020

*Registration forms are now available from
the Grove Road Porch.*

***Forms to be posted through the Presbytery
letter box by this Sunday, 8th September.***

CONFIRMATION IN 2020 REGISTER NOW

Registration Forms available from the Grove Road Porch. Candidates for Confirmation in 2020 should be in Year 9 (or older) and members of Transfiguration Parish.

Registration Forms should be returned to the Presbytery no later than Sunday 20th October 2019.

SACRISTANS:-

- Saturday 14th : Mary Smithers, Philiphia Paulus
 - Sunday 15th : Stephanie Elliott
 - Cleaning Rota : Ma Christine, Alexander & John Gaetos
- Please see Cleaning Instructions on cleaning cupboard door Linen for September : Rebecca Walsh

ABINA ORMOND RIP

The Funeral Mass for Abina Ormond takes place on Friday 13th September at 1:00pm followed by burial at Weston Road. May she rest in eternal peace.

BETTY VASSE RIP

The funeral Mass for Betty Vasse takes place on Thursday 26th September at St Hilda's, Shephall at 11:00am followed by burial at Weston Road. May she rest in eternal peace.

HOME MISSION 2ND COLLECTION SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

The Home Mission Office is a national organisation that helps the local Church engage in the vital mission of Evangelisation. Next weekend, they ask for our prayers and our financial support through the second collection.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

On Saturday 21st September. The Knights of St Columba have a coach going to the Diocesan Pilgrimage as we prepare for the annual rededication of England to Our Lady as her dowry. The coach leaves St Joseph's Church at 8:00am, 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.

WALSINGHAM ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

On Sunday 6th October 2019. Please contact Paul Vooght to reserve a place on 07861949101. Please see the poster on the notice board for further details.

ASCENT GROUP

There will be no more Ascent Group Meetings. Colin thanks everyone for all the support he has had over the years. God Bless. Colin B

CARITAS WESTMINSTER

Invites anyone interested in volunteering to a free session covering the basic need-to-knows about becoming a volunteer on 25th September 2019, 6:30-8:30pm. Refreshments from 6pm, at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. Please RSVP by calling 020 7931 6077, emailing caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or search the title "[Volunteering in the Community: Getting Started](#)" on Eventbrite.

SEPTEMBER ROTA

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

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!

CLEANING ROTA

The new Cleaning Rotas are now available for collection from the top of the safe in the Sacristy.

NURSERY APPLICATIONS FOR 2020 (CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1ST SEPTEMBER 2016 AND 31ST AUGUST 2017)

Nursery applications for the two Catholic schools in Stevenage are now open for September 2020. Please visit the schools' websites for more details. www.clitherow.herts.sch.uk or www.stvincent.herts.sch.uk or Tel: 01438 729555. Both schools will be offering 15 and 30 hours provision. Application deadline is Friday 29th November 2019.

IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE TEA AND DANCE

On Wednesday 11th September 1-3pm at Bedwell Community Centre. An afternoon of old time music, dancing and entertainment with refreshments. Entry by ticket only, £4 members, £5 non-members.

All welcome. For information contact Elaine in the INS Office on 01438 725400.

Healthy Exercise Class, Fridays 1.30-2.30pm. For further details please see the poster on the notice board.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Universal: That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 7:00pm, Thursday and Friday 9:15am

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST HILDA'S

Monday, Tuesday 9.30am & Thursday 8:00pm