

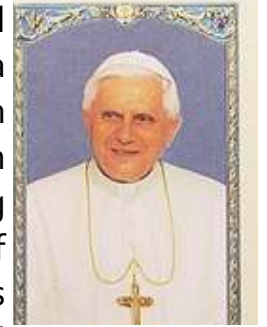
Welcome to Our Sunday Mass



Church of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Old Town, Stevenage
& Shared Church of Christ the King, Symonds Green
16th May 2010 – Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Response:
God goes up with shouts of joy

Pope Benedict will visit the United Kingdom in September. He will come as a guest of Her Majesty the Queen; the first state visit here by a Pope. He will come at a time when special sensitivity is needed by him and by all Catholics as there is quite some anti-religious feeling about in our land. We must support him in every way: by our prayers, by our taking part in religious events (to be announced) and financially. The main cost of the visit will be borne by the state but there will be those special religious events that will involve great expense that the Catholic Church in the UK will be obliged underwrite....and a lot to do with security. For this reason our bishops are appealing to us to hold **a special collection in every parish in the land on Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May.** It is estimated that the total cost to us will be at least £7m. Over £3m has already been raised towards this total, a very healthy sign. Please be more than normally generous, even in this time of austerity. (*Fr. Frank*)



Sacrament of Confirmation

Eight young people from our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Hitchin on Friday, 21st May, Please remember them in your prayers. We will have a special Mass for them in our own church in June. Details later.

The Catholic Communications Network provides support for the bishops of England and Wales in promoting the Gospel in the media.....and this costs money. So, if you have any you can spare this week please place it in the envelopes provided or in the special collection box at the end of Mass.

SCIMP Concert on 27th June Stevenage Male Voice Choir will be giving a concert at the Transfiguration church on the afternoon of Sunday 27th June. All proceeds will go to our SCIMP clean water project in Kenya. Further details to follow.

Journey in Faith (RCIA): Last meeting Wednesday 19th May at 7.30pm

Stevenage Haven has made a request for old mobile phones and computer ink cartridges to help raise funds in support of their charity. Please wrap old phones for protection ideally with the battery but without charger. Wrap empty ink cartridges in tray or box from your new cartridge. These items may be placed in box provided by the entrance of both churches.

First Holy Communion and Know Your Faith groups meet on
Wednesday 19th May at 4pm in the church

Confirmation Group:
Meet in the presbytery at 6.30pm
this Monday

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat May 15th	10.30	Old Town	Priest's Intention
Easter Feria	11.00	Old Town	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	4.30	Old Town	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
	6.00	Old Town	Priest's Intention
Sun 16th	9.00	Sy Green	Parishioners
Ascension of the Lord	11.00	Old Town	Priest's Intention
Monday 17th	9.30	Old Town	Vivien Delacroix Intention
Easter Feria			
Tues 18th	10.00	Rosary before Mass	Mary McCrory Intention
Easter Feria	10.30	Sy Green	
Wed 19th	9.30	Old Town	Paul Jordan RIP
Easter Feria			
Fri 21st	9.30	Old Town	Priest's Intention
Easter Feria	On Fridays in May - Rosary before Mass and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament for 30 minutes afterwards		
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Pentecost Sunday	11.00	Old Town	Parishioners

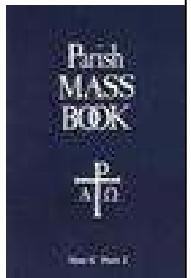
Vacancy: Parish Secretary, The Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph, Ware

Up to 20 hours per week, weekdays (flexible)

Closing date: 4 June 2010 Interview date: w/c 7 June 2010

For a full job description and application pack, please visit the Diocesan website at www.rcdow.org.uk or apply in writing to: juliedauncey@rcdow.org.uk

Readers please return Parish Mass books Year C Part 1 and **collect Year C Part 2**



Collection Last Week

Envelopes:	£586.25
Loose:	£268.12
Standing Orders:	£363.83
Total:	<u>£1218.20</u>

Many thanks for your support

**Readings for next week:
Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2: 1-11

Romans 8: 8-17

John 14: 15-16, 23-26

Rotas

Cleaning: Old Town: Louise Ridgers-Latif & Mrs Segadelli & Mary Canavan
Sy Green: Donna Powis

May Linen:
Jean Potter

Sacristans:
Sat 22nd: Lisa & Laura Neville
Sun 23rd: Michelle & Holly Ringer

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