

Welcome to Our Sunday Mass



Jesus said "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. (Gospel)

Church of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Old Town, Stevenage
& Shared Church of Christ the King, Symonds Green
25th April 2010 – Good Shepherd Sunday (4th of Easter)

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Journey in Faith (RCIA): Next meeting Wed 28th April at 7.30pm
See page 2 for 'Special Mass for new Catholics in Cathedral

Confirmation Group : meet in the Presbytery this Monday at 6.30pm

First Holy Communion and Know Your Faith groups meet
Wednesday 5th May at 4pm in the church

The SVP will be holding a coffee morning at the Church of the Transfiguration on May 1st after the 10.30am Mass. A DVD on dementia will be shown afterwards. **The next SVP meeting** will be on May 4th at 7.30pm

E Mail to priests from Archbishop Nichols

Dear Father,

Attached to this email is a statement from the Bishops of England and Wales which was unanimously agreed at the Spring Meeting of the Conference this week. The statement concerns the recent publicity given to child abuse in the Catholic Church in various countries. The statement is, I believe, a reflective and positive response which I hope will be helpful to us all.

I would be very grateful if the statement could be made available at all Masses this weekend. You may choose to read it at all Masses but, whether read or not, I would ask that copies of the statement be made available and distributed at the end of Mass.

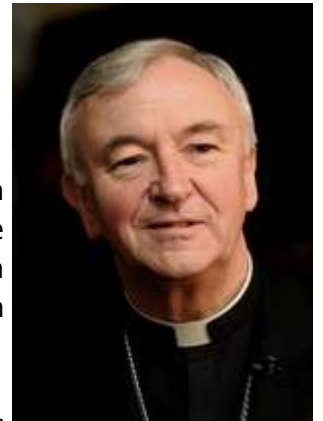
You will see that the Bishops ask that four consecutive Fridays in May be used for an expression of prayer and repentance. This might be a special liturgy, a Mass or exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, as might be best suited to the needs of your parish. ★

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. It is important that we acknowledge all that has happened and its seriousness, without recourse to any defensiveness.

At the same time, can I assure you of my full support and high regard, not least for the resilience and perseverance you display in this difficult period. I am sure that your parishioners have the same concern and love for you, too.

With all good wishes
+Vincent

Archbishop of Westminster



Copies of the bishops' statement are available at church doors

On Fridays of May we will have Rosary before Mass and a half hour of adoration afterwards



PRIEST TRAINING FUND The annual collection to raise funds for the training of new priests takes place this weekend. This is particularly important this year as we now have over 40 seminarians - which is wonderful news. But it is essential that enough money is raised to cover the cost of their training and this will only happen with our help. So could I ask you to take one of the donation envelopes and to return it with your contribution . If you have a computer could I suggest that you visit the diocese's website as it now has a short film about the work of the Priest Training Fund. (There is a link on the parish website) (Fr. Frank)

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: We are having a 'Time for Reflection' for parishes of the Stevenage Deanery, at St. Thomas More Church, Knebworth on Saturday 9th October from 9.30 to 12.30. Monsignor John Dale will be our guest speaker. We will start with Mass and end with a shared lunch. I hope all our Special Ministers will join me there. Further details later. (Fr. Frank)

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HERTFORDSHIRE (CTIH) The Annual General Meeting of the CTIH will take place at the Coptic Cathedral in Broadhall Way, Stevenage, on Wednesday 28th April at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and to take this opportunity and to see and learn about this wonderful cathedral situated so close to us. If you wish to attend, please contact Alan Bruce on 351506.

MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Sunday 2nd May at 5.30pm and will be celebrated by Archbishop Vincent. All in our parish (and all other diocesan parishes) are warmly invited to attend. They will sit, as last year, in the front section of the Cathedral, and arrival at the Cathedral should take up those seats—which will be reserved for them. Friends and relatives will be seated in the rows behind. Please let me know, in writing or by email (I can easily forget when distracted) by this Sunday evening whether you would like a reserved seat. (Fr. Frank—personal e mail francisleonard@rcdow.org.uk)

ROTAS FOR MAY ARE READY FOR COLLECTION

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP will be held in the church on Friday 30th April at 2.30pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Minutes of last week's meeting on church notice boards and on the parish website. There are some 'takeaway' copies in church porches.

Collection Last Week

Envelopes:	£438.45
Loose:	£256.12
Standing Orders:	£363.83
Total:	<u>£1058.40</u>

Thanks, yet again, for your support

Readings for next week: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14, 21—27

Apocalypse 21, 1—5

John 13, 31—35

Rotas

Cleaning: Old Town: James Laird
Sy Green: Ita Bryant

April Linen:
Barbara Segadelli

Sacristans:
Sat 1st May: Mary Smithers
Sun 2nd: Geraldine Coy

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Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sat 24th	10.30	Old Town	Priest's Intention
St Erkenwald and Mellitus	11.00	Old Town	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	4.30	Old Town	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
	6.00	Old Town	Confirmation Candidates
Sun 25th	9.00	Sy Green	Parishioners
Fourth Sunday of Easter	11.00	Old Town	Mary Walsh RIP
Monday 26th	9.30	Old Town	Priest's Intention
St. Alphege			
Tues 27th	10.30	Sy Green	Philip and Freda Lower RIP
Easter Feria			
Wed 28th	9.30	Old Town	Priest's Intention
Easter Feria			
Fri 30th	9.30	Old Town	Kay Antrobus RIP
St. George, Martyr, Patron of England			
Sat May 1st	10.30	Old Town	SVP Members
	11.00	Old Town	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	4.30	Old Town	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
	6.00	Old Town	Osvaldo Ghigliotti RIP
Sun 2nd	9.00	Sy Green	Johanna Cassidy RIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter	11.00	Old Town	Parishioners