

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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28/29th JANUARY 2017, FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Cath Austin, Mary Barratt, Silver Beckham Bazira, Vincent Coleman, Sophie Connor, Louise Cooke, Gladys Cuscito, Patricia Danes, Carol Denny, Gary Denstone, Roy Donnelly, Patricia Elliot, Mary Foster, Barry Geedon, Toby Goold, Anthony Hathaway, Mary Hedderman, Maureen Hunt, Margaret Kay, Anne Kingland, Mildred Madden, Tom Mahon, Isabelle Mantella, Ted Martyn, Don O'Donnell, Jean O'Neill, Tom O'Hare, Anne Parkinson, Reg Pillinger, Bernadette Snell, Cristina Valentino, Pat Wade, David & Frances Westcott, Noel Wheatle, Amy Williamson, Cynthia Thompson, Suzie Weston, Vera Roche, Brian Harrison, Andree Jones, Mary Lamming, Gabrielle Edwardes and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes and known to us.

ANNIVERSARIES in JANUARY: Martin Guerni, William Dempsey, Madeleine Walker, Gerry McVeigh, Margaret Evans, John Tymens, Stefan Gruszeckj, Mike Donovan, David Hennigan, Catherine Ryman, William Green, Frank Kenny, Anthony Corr, Bridget Kiely, Jean Olejniczak, Nora Payne, Jennifer Snodgrass, Barbara Bell, Thomas O'Neill, Wynne Pozzi, Anna Moulder, Elise Dillon, Julie Pool, Fr John Richardson.

LATELY DEAD: Else Burdon, Marguerite Tyler, R.I.P.

- **CELEBRATIONS:**

-	Tuesday	-	St. John Bosco, St. Alban Roe
-	Thursday	-	The Presentation of the Lord.
-	Saturday	-	St. Thomas Aquinas

- **CHURCH CLEANING:** St Gregory's: The Polish Group

<u>ST GREGORY'S</u>					
Saturday for Sunday	5.30pm	Mass	Wynne Pozzi	(RIP)	(Nick Pozzi & Mary Steed)
<u>SUNDAY</u>					
<u>ST. GREGORY'S</u>	8.15 am	Mass	People of the Parish		
<u>SHOTTERY:</u>	9.30 am.	Mass	Lorraine McVeigh	(RIP)	(Mike Lowe)
<u>ST. GREGORY'S</u>	11.15 am.	Mass	Vadin Atroschenko	(LD)	(Barbara Grace)
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass			

<u>ST. GREGORY'S</u>					
Monday	30 th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.		
Tuesday	31 st	9.30 am.	Mass.	Edmund Adams OSB	(RIP)
Wednesday	1 st	9.30 am.	Mass.	Liz Dunphy	(LD) (Elizabeth Cronin)
		12.00 pm.	Funeral of Else Burdon		
Thursday	2 nd	9.30 am.	Mass.	Private Intention	(AA)
Friday	3 rd	9.30 am.	Mass.	Anne Spiker	(RIP) (Angela Doherty)
Saturday	4 th	10.30 - 11.30 am	CONFESSIONS		

Saturday for Sunday: 5.30 pm. Mass Michael & Annie Kivlehaw (RIP) (Cristina Valentino)

5th February 2017, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>ST. GREGORY'S</u>	8.15 am.	Mass	People of the Parish		
<u>SHOTTERY</u>	9.30 am.	Mass	Terry Cosgrove	(anniversary)	(Margaret Cosgrove)
<u>ST. GREGORY'S</u>	11.15am.	Mass	Maria & Jan Kavalczyk	(anniversary)	(Cristina Valentino)

SECOND COLLECTION, next week, 4/5th February for Pro-Life.

NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK

**We welcome to our congregation visitors to Stratford and those who have recently moved into our Parish.
Do please make yourselves known to the Priest.**

- **FR. CLEMENT'S DOCTORATE:** many congratulations to Fr. Clement who has been awarded his doctorate. This is a great achievement which he accomplished whilst helping in the parish. He acknowledges the help of Fr. Alex in his thesis and ends his acknowledgements "May the Lord Almighty bless him and the parishioners of St. Gregory's, Stratford abundantly."
- **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 4/5th February for Pro-Life. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **SVP:** next meeting date is at 7.45pm on 6th & 20th February in the Parish Room.
- **PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING.** 7-8pm on Thursday, 9th February.
- **PRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION** on re-ordering of St. Gregory's at 7pm on Friday 10th February at St. Greg's.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** The next luncheon date are 20th February, 20th March. If you have booked any lunch and then are unable to attend, please contact Helen on 01789 550545, or Val on 01789 293267, this is important for catering numbers.
- **CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.** There will be a meeting at Our Lady of Peace in Shotton on Sunday 5th February at the end of the 9:30 Mass, for the parents of children attending non-Catholic schools (the children are welcome to come along too). For any further information please contact Giulia Tranquilli on 07717 327073 or email her at giulia.tranquilli@gmail.com
- **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE:** the next course will be held at 11.30am on Saturday, 25th February in the Parish room.
- **LOURDES 2017.** The parish pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 26th May to Monday 29th May 2017. Cost £500, 10% discount for children under 12. Booking forms and further enquiries from Jane Chamberlain 07-790-456-026
- **C.W.L.** Our AGM is at 2pm on Wednesday, 1st February 2017. If you would like to join us, NOW is the perfect time. Do come along to the Parish room.
- **CRIB OFFERINGS** amounting to £98.99 will be given to the charity Children of Bethlehem again this year. Thank you for your generosity.
- **FR. BONIFACE'S GOLDEN JUBILEE.** Please send photos or messages for compilation of a tribute book on Fr. Boniface to Mrs. M. Ormsby, at mormsby@btinternet.com or by post to St. Elizabeth's church, Hall Road, Scarisbrick L40 9QE
- **"A BIG THANK YOU** to you and everyone at St Gregory's parish who supported the Polish Childrens' Carol Festival. It was a lovely occasion, attended by many members of the community and we are very grateful for the encouragement we received from Fr Alex and the parish – we could not have done without you!"
- **ST. GREGORY'S SCHOOL** wish to appoint a resourceful, passionate, and motivated Early Years or Key Stage 1 class teacher. Location: Avenue Road, Stratford upon Avon (CV37 6UZ). Full time and 1 year temporary contract (possibility of this position being made permanent). Start date: September 2017. Visits: Are highly recommended, please contact the School Office to arrange; Tel: 01789 204517. Applications Close: Monday, 30th January 2017, 12 noon. For full details and job application form please visit: <https://www.wmjjobs.co.uk/jobs/warwickshire/>
- **CAR PARKING at the Presbytery:** please note that the Presbytery car park is solely for the use of disabled worshippers, for deliveries, office and maintenance staff, and for those carrying out specific church duties. Please do not block Fr. Alex's car in and, if one of the permitted parkers, please park your car considerately.
- **COMMUNITY CLUB:** Please feel free to come for an opportunity to meet & talk with friends old & new every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of month (except July & August.)
- **RECYCLE** your mobile phones and inkjet cartridges for Stratford Life. In the last 5 years the parish has raised the sum of £444 for Stratford Life just by recycling things we no longer need. Please leave your old mobile phones and inkjet cartridges (not large toner cartridges) in the box at the back of church. Alternatively, phones and cartridges can be donated via St Gregory's School.
- **STRATFORD LIFE** would be delighted to receive donations of quality items or unwanted gifts to sell on their 'market stall' held outside the Care Centre. Items can be left at the Stratford LIFE Care Centre on Windsor Street on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 12.30 and 1.30pm. Alternatively to arrange collection please leave a message on the Care Centre answerphone on 01789 299645. No electrical or food items please Thank you.
- **BEREAVEMENT TEAM:** parishioners can contact a member of the team on 07592572978 or email stgregorysbt@gmail.com or complete a form available in the church porch.
- **BIBLE GROUP:** The Bible Group meets every Tuesday 7.30p.m. to review the following Sunday's readings. All welcome.
- **HOLY HOUR** 7.00pm on Thursdays. All are welcome.
- **GIFT AID:** If you are interested in joining the scheme please contact Clive Hamilton on 01789 731387 or by e-mail stgregorysgiftaid@aol.co.uk. If you are already in the scheme please contact him with any questions you may have or any changes such as of address or tax status.
- **PARISH OFFICE:** The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings. Telephone 01789 292439. Our email address is: stgregorysua@btconnect.com
- **RECENT COLLECTIONS:** Weekend 21/22nd January 2017
Loose: £449.36, Gift Aid: £ 575.19 Boxes: £79.94
Children of Bethlehem (Crib offerings) £ 98.99
Thank you for your generosity.

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Readings Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Collins Sunday Missal
Isaiah 58:7-10. Psalm 111:4-9 R v:4. First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16