

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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21/22nd JANUARY 2017, THIRD 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, 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: Edmund Adams OSB., Marguerite Tyler, R.I.P.

- **CELEBRATIONS:**

-	Tuesday	-	St. Francis de Sales
-	Wednesday	-	The Conversion of St. Paul
-	Saturday	-	St. Thomas Aquinas

- **CHURCH CLEANING:** St Gregory's: The Budd Family

ST GREGORY'S

Saturday for Sunday 5.30pm Mass David Purves (anniversary) (P.M.Purves)

SUNDAY

ST. GREGORY'S 8.15 am Mass People of the Parish

SHOTTERY: 9.30 am. Mass Vincent Coleman (90th birthday) (Caroline Wilkes)

ST. GREGORY'S 11.15 am. Mass Gary Denstone (speedy recovery) (S.V.P.)

1.00 pm. Polish Mass

ST. GREGORY'S

Monday 23rd 9.30 am. Communion Service.

Tuesday 24th 9.30 am. Mass. Theresa Fowler (RIP) (Dorothy Laurens)

Wednesday 25th 9.30 am. Mass. Jean Villa (LD) (Basford)

Thursday 26th 9.30 am. Mass. Ronald Flaherty (RIP) (Paul Talbot)

Friday 27th 9.30 am. Mass. John McGary (RIP)

Saturday 28th 10.30 - 11.30 am CONFESIONS

Saturday for Sunday: 5.30 pm. Mass Wynne Pozzi (RIP) (Nick Pozzi & Mary Steed)

29th JANUARY 2017, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. GREGORY'S 8.15 am. Mass People of the Parish

SHOTTERY 9.30 am. Mass Lorraine McVeigh (RIP) (Mike Lowe)

ST. GREGORY'S 11.15am. Mass Vadin Atroshenko (LD) (Barbara Grace)

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.**

- **CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK:** 18th – 25th January with daily prayers in the Guild Chapel, 12 noon – 12.30pm. St. Gregory's will lead prayers on Friday, 20th January.
- **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.
- **SVP** next meetings is 23rd January at 7.45 in the Parish room.
- **'NO PLACE LIKE HOME':** Exploring Palestinian realities after 50 years of occupation. Saturday 28 January, 11am-1pm, St Francis Hall, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT. Followed by a bring-and-share lunch at 1pm. The Jerusalem Legal Aid Centre is a pioneering Palestinian human rights organisation and CAFOD partner, providing pro-bono legal aid and services to some of the poorest and most marginalised people and communities in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Join us to hear from JLAC's Director Mr Issam Aruri and EU Project Coordinator Ms Shu'la Abdelhadi about the realities of life under occupation. See posters in churches. For more information contact CAFOD Birmingham at birmingham@cafod.org.uk or call 01922 722944.
- **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.** Thanks to all who supported our Cake and Produce stall, and to those who bought Pat's Christmas puddings. We sent £279.45 to the Stratford Food Bank, a brilliant result. More thanks are due to all those generous parishioners who bought our recycled cards over the year. We made £129.75 which went to the Stratford Eye and Cancer Hospital appeal. So far St. Gregory's C.W.L. has sent £552.77 to the Hospital appeal – a result of which you can all be proud!
- **CRIB OFFERINGS** amounting to £98.99 will be given to the charity Children of Bethlehem again this year. Thank you for your generosity.
- **"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!"
- **STUDENT ACCOMMODATION NEEDED:** single room. Further details from Leon Peckson 07586141694, or Parish office.
- **HOST FAMILY REQUIRED FROM JULY 17** for 2 weeks, for a 13 year old Spanish boy to improve his language skills. All expenses paid. More information from Parish office.
- **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.wmjobs.co.uk/jobs/warwickshire/>
- **ALL READERS & ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE A READER:** There is another Deanery Readers' Day on Saturday 28th January 10:30 - 4:30, St Gregory's, Stratford upon Avon. If you missed the one in Leamington in September, this is another chance to explore the spirituality and role of the Ministry of Reader and your part in it. How the Liturgy of the Lord and of the Eucharist fit together and practical aspects of being a Reader. If you are interested in attending, please phone Kate on 01926 314077 or email kate.tennyson@googlemail.com
- **A THANK YOU:** " Ryan, Luke & myself would like to express our sincere thanks to Fr. Alex, our friends in SVP and the bereavement team for their prayers, support, messages & calls during a difficult time since the loss of their Father, Tom Keane. From Julie"
- **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.)
- **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 14/15th January 2017
Loose: £423.57, Gift Aid: £ 678.94 Boxes: £100.88
Children of Bethlehem (Crib offerings) £ 98.99
Thank you for your generosity.

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Readings Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Collins Sunday Missal

Zephaniah: 2:3; 3: 12-13. Psalm 145: 7-10., R v: Mt 5:3 First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:26-31 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12