

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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7/8th JANUARY 2017, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (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, Glenys Jones, Margaret Kay, Anne Kingland, Mildred Madden, Tom Mahon, Isabelle Mantella, Don O'Donnell, Jean O'Neill, Tom O'Hare, Anne Parkinson, Reg Pillinger, Fr. Pat Sayles, Collette Scorey, Bernadette Snell, Cristina Valentino, Pat Wade, David & Frances Westcott, Noel Wheatle, Amy Williamson, Cynthia Thompson, Suzie Weston, Vera Roche, Ted Martyn, Marguerite Tyler, 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: Gwen Reade, Tom Keane, John McGarry, Ronald Flaherty, Edmund Adams OSB. R.I.P.

- **CELEBRATIONS:**

-	Monday	-	The Baptism of the Lord
-	Thursday	-	St. Benet Biscop

- **CHURCH CLEANING:** St Gregory's: Maureen Thompson & Nuala Crawley

ST GREGORY'S

Saturday for Sunday 5.30pm Mass People of the Parish

SUNDAY

SHOTTERY: 9.30am Mass Mary W. Parkes (in loving memory) (Mike Lowe)

ST. GREGORY'S

No 8.15am Mass
11.15 am Mass Mike Donovan (1st anniversary) (Shelia Donovan)
1.00pm Polish Mass

ST. GREGORY'S

Monday	9 th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.	
Tuesday	10 th	9.30 am.	Mass	Celine Geary (RIP) (Basford)
Wednesday	11 th	9.30 am.	Mass	Deceased members of Timoney family (Basford)
Thursday	12 th	9.30 am.	Mass.	Amable Monteiga (RIP) (D. Laurens)
Friday	13 th	9.30 am.	Mass	Anna Crowe (RIP) (Kathleen Sadreddini)
Saturday	14 th	10.30 - 11.30 am CONFESSIONS		

Saturday for Sunday: 5.30 pm. Mass Mary Evans (RIP) (M. Lancaster)

15th JANUARY 2017, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>ST. GREGORY'S</u>	8.15 am. Mass	People of the Parish	
<u>SHOTTERY</u>	9.30 am Mass	Anthony & Ian Erskin	(RIP) (Mike Lowe)
<u>ST. GREGORY'S</u>	11.15am Mass	Peg Hough	(LD) (E. Cronin)

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.**

FATHER ALEX

wishes everyone a very happy and a holy Christmas and a blessed New Year. He thanks all who have worked so hard for the parish over the year. Also, many thanks for all the cards and gifts and Christmas offerings. They are greatly appreciated.

- **CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK:** 16th – 20th January with daily prayers in the Guild Chapel, 12 noon – 12.30pm. St. Gregory's will lead prayers on Friday, 20th January.
- **PEACE SUNDAY 14th/15th JANUARY.** There will be a short presentation after all the masses on the complexities of peace and ways to resolve them.
- **SVP** next meetings are 9th & 23rd January at 7.45 in the Parish room.
- **WARWICK DEANERY EVANGELISATION TEAM:** next meeting is on Monday 9th January at 7.30pm in the upper Davenport Room, St Peter's Parish Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AA. It is hoped that each parish in the Warwick deanery will be represented. Contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk
- **C.W.L.** The first meeting of our year will be on Wednesday, 11th January 2017 at 2pm in the Parish room.
- **STRATFORD CHURCHES TOGETHER FORUM :** 7.45pm on 12th January at Holy Trinity.
- **POLISH CHILDREN'S CAROL FESTIVAL** 15th January 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Peace R C Church. Come and enjoy the festive music making! Everyone welcome.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** The next luncheon date is 16th January, 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.
- **ECUMENICAL SUPPER** on 21st January at 7.30pm. at the Methodist Centre (opposite Holy Trinity). Please contact Parish office for tickets
- **RETREAT TO ALTON CASTLE** for young people in the parish was very popular last time. The next one will be Feb 3rd-5th 2017. If you have children wishing to take part it is £66 for the retreat weekend. To book places and for the consent form and payment details, please email: maria.bracken@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk
- **'NO PLACE LIKE HOME':** Exploring Palestinian realities after 50 years of occupation. Saturday 28 January, 11am-1pm (refreshments served from 10.45am) 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.

- **FATIMA CENTENARY SPECIAL EVENT 2017.** A celebration event will be taking place for the Warwick, Coventry, and other local deaneries on **Saturday 13th May** in Leamington. Please keep the date free. More details nearer the time. Contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk
- **300 CLUB WINNERS:**

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
189. M. Milne	86.T. Evans
20. M. Harper	149. M. Caveney
206. G. Martin.	159. A. Hamilton
255. Mr. & Mrs. Macleod	111. P. Horsley
158. E. Ledden	
260. R. Mahon	

Congratulations to all winners.
- **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
- **PARISHIONER CONTACT DETAILS FORM.** We need to keep contact details for you up to date. You may not be on the list if you have not completed a form within the last 2 years. They can be useful for lost property, lift sharing, support, home visits, etc. Complete a form either after Mass, and put it in the box provided in porch, or returned to the Parish Secretary / Parish Office. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.
- **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 2/3rd January 2017
Loose: £425.83, Gift Aid: £ 484.01 Boxes: £188.28
Thank you for your generosity.

St. Gregory's website is: www.stgregorys-stratford.org

Readings Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Collins Sunday Missal
Isaiah: 49: 3. 5-6 Psalm 39: 2.4. 7-10, R v: 8.9. St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:1-3. Gospel: John 1: 29-34