

# St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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## 11/12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017, SIXTH 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, Gabrielle Edwardes, Patricia Elliot, Mary Foster, Barry Geedon, Toby Goold, Brian Harrison, Anthony Hathaway, Mary Hedderman, Maureen Hunt, Andree Jones, Margaret Kay, Anne Kingland, Mary Lamming, Mildred Madden, Tom Mahon, Isabelle Mantella, Ted Martyn, Don O'Donnell, Jean O'Neill, Tom O'Hare, Anne Parkinson, Reg Pillinger, Vera Roche, Cristina Valentino, Pat Wade, David & Frances Westcott, Noel Wheatle, Amy Williamson, Cynthia Thompson, Suzie Weston, Rachel Bird, and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes and known to us.

**ANNIVERSARIES in FEBRUARY:** John Mitchell, Phyllis Langstaff, Ennio Dionisi, Dominic Lavelle, Eileen O'Brien, Peter Davies, Vincent Murphy, Malcom Best, Emilia Trzaska, Jennifer Gurr, John McKay, Yvette Gittins, Joan Davies, Kathleen Quayle, Jennifer Snodgrass, Andrew Jowett, Phylis Keenan, Barbara Bell, John Martyn, John Mitchell, Irene McWalter, Matilda Clayton-Wright, Margaret Gray, Terence Cosgrove, Martin Kelly,

**LATELY DEAD:** Marguerite Tyler, Harry Nicolls, Clive Gunter, Bernadette Snell, Stephen Smith, R.I.P.

- **CELEBRATIONS:** - Tuesday - Ss. Cyril & Methodius
- **CHURCH CLEANING:** St Gregory's: Kath Elliott, Mo Lancaster

### ST GREGORY'S

Saturday for Sunday                      5.30pm    Mass            Dennis Power                      (RIP) (Adams Family)

### SUNDAY

ST. GREGORY'S                      8.15 am    Mass            Jean Laurens                      (LD)    (D. Laurens & family)

SHOTTERY:                      9.30 am.    Mass            Vincent Murphy                      (R.I.P) (M. Murphy)

ST. GREGORY'S                      11.15 am.    Mass            People of the Parish

1.00 pm.    Polish Mass

### ST. GREGORY'S

Monday            13<sup>th</sup>            9.30 am.    Communion Service.

Tuesday            14<sup>th</sup>            9.30 am.    Mass.                      Jenny Gurr                      (anniversary)    (Keith Gurr)

Wednesday            15<sup>th</sup>            9.30 am.    Mass.                      Marion Frazer                      (LD)                      (Ann Kingland)

Thursday            16<sup>th</sup>            10.00 am.    Requiem Mass for Harry Nicholls

6.00 pm.    Reception of Clive Gunter and Mass

Friday            17<sup>th</sup>            11.30 am    Requiem Mass for Clive Gunter

Saturday            8<sup>th</sup>            10.30 - 11.30 am    CONFESSIONS

Saturday for Sunday:            5.30 pm.    Mass                      Bernadette Burton                      (LD)                      (Marie Taft)

### 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SHOTTERY                      9.30 am.    Mass                      Terry Cosgrove                      (anniversary)    (Margaret Cosgrove)

ST. GREGORY'S                      11.15am.    Mass                      Palmerino-Nello Valentino                      (Cristina Valentino)

# 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.**

- **THE CATHOLIC FAITH:** RCIA course for converts will be beginning shortly. If you wish to be received into the church please give your details to the Parish office.
- **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE:** the next course will be held at 11.30am on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish room.
- **LOURDES 2017.** The parish pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Cost £500, 10% discount for children under 12. Booking forms and further enquiries from Jane Chamberlain 07-790-456-026
- **LINEN LAUNDERER:** a big "thank you" to Diane Hunt who has done such a wonderful job but now wishes to retire as laundress of the altar cloths at St. Gregory's. If you could volunteer to do this from now on, please contact the parish office.
- **BIBLE GROUP: Tuesdays 7.30 p.m.** The Bible Group meets every two weeks to review the following Sunday's readings. All welcome.
- **HOLY HOUR 7.00pm on Thursdays.** All are welcome.
- **ALTAR SERVERS CLUB** 15<sup>th</sup> February 5pm – 6pm
- **SVP:** 7.45pm on 20<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Room.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** The next luncheon date are 20<sup>th</sup> February, 20<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **INSPIRING HOPE:** Bishop Kenney shares his experience of Iraq and South Sudan, Thursday 23 February, 7.30-9pm (teas and coffees served from 7.15pm). St John the Evangelist parish, 25 South Bar Street, Banbury, OX16 9AF. Join us to hear Bishop Kenney as he shares his experience of Iraq and South Sudan, and CAFOD's work there. For more information, please contact CAFOD Birmingham at [birmingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:birmingham@cafod.org.uk) or call 01922 722944.
- **THE BIG PICTURE:** You, the Bible & God's big plan:- a 12 week inspirational Bible course and DVD which gives a step by step journey through salvation history. Starts Thursday **23<sup>rd</sup> February** 1.30pm St Peter's Parish Centre, Leamington for Warwick/Leamington/Whitnash and surrounding area. Other parishioners are invited to start their own home/parish group. See the trailer at [www.thebigpicturecourse.org](http://www.thebigpicturecourse.org). Local contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)
- **YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE:** Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at Alton Castle, 10.00am -6.30pm. Contact 01675466912. Volunteers required to attend. If interested please contact Fr. Alex.
- **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** On Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March over 5,000 services will be held in the British Isles on the theme of 'Am I Being Unfair to You?' The Christian women of Philippines wrote the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects, to be used, throughout the whole world, on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, starting at sunrise over the island of Samoa and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa. The service focuses on the Bible story of the workers in the vineyard: Matthew 20, v 1-16. Why not find out more about the theme, the Philippines and the service? The Day of Prayer is not just for women. Everyone is welcome to attend the service, which this year is being held at The Methodist Church, Old Town, Stratford upon Avon, Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, starting at 2pm.
- **VOCATIONS CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG MEN,** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Contact Chris Smith on 07730 653787
- **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](mailto:mormsby@btinternet.com) or by post to St. Elizabeth's church, Hall Road, Scarisbrick L40 9QE
- **LEGACIES:** the Diocese has made a new leaflet available in all 227 parishes to assist people who may want to consider leaving a legacy to the Church. At the back of the churches you will find copies of this new leaflet. Please do consider whether you, or someone you know, may wish to support the Church in this way. Thank you.
- **COMMUNITY CLUB:** Please feel free to come for an opportunity to meet & talk with friends old & new every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month (except July & August.)
- **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.
- **ST. GREGORY'S & OUR LADY OF PEACE** donate to the Stratford Food Bank and the Cyrenian Charity. Items should have a shelf life of at least 3 months. Please leave contributions in the box in the church porch. **THANKS** to all who have donated food so generously.
- **BEREAVEMENT TEAM:** parishioners can contact a member of the team on 07592572978 or email [stgregorysbt@gmail.com](mailto:stgregorysbt@gmail.com) or complete a form available in the church porch.
- **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](mailto: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](mailto:stgregorysua@btconnect.com) Please note: Monday is Fr. Alex's day off.
- **RECENT COLLECTIONS:** Weekend 4/5<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
Loose: £443.63      Gift Aid: £ 557.02      Boxes: £118.95  
Pro-Life £728.07  
Thank you for your generosity.

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

Leviticus: 19: 1-2, 17-18. Psalm 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 R v 8. First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 3: 16-23. Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48