

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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14/15th JANUARY 2017, SECOND 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, Marguerite Tyler, 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: John McGarry, Ronald Flaherty, Edmund Adams OSB. R.I.P.

- **CELEBRATIONS:**

-	Tuesday	-	St. Antony of Egypt
-	Saturday	-	St. Agnes

- **CHURCH CLEANING:** St Gregory's: Paddy Harvey

ST GREGORY'S						
Saturday for Sunday	5.30pm	Mass	Mary Evans	(RIP)	(M. Lancaster)	
SUNDAY						
ST. GREGORY'S	8.15 am	Mass	People of the Parish			
SHOTTERY:	9.30 am.	Mass	Anthony & Ian Erskin	(RIP)	(Mike Lowe)	
	5.30 pm.	Polish Childrens' Carol Festival				
ST. GREGORY'S	11.15 am.	Mass	Peg Hough	(LD)	(E. Cronin)	
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass				

ST. GREGORY'S						
Monday	16 th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.			
Tuesday	17 th	9.30 am.	Mass	Blanche Sorah	(RIP)	(D. Laurens)
Wednesday	18 th	9.30 am.	Mass	Nan & Joseph Sheelan	(RIP)	
Thursday	19 th	9.30 am.	Mass.	Betty Holland	(LD)	(P. Richardson)
Friday	20 th	9.30 am.	Mass	Norah Payne	(anniversary)	(Don Payn
Saturday	21 st	10.30 - 11.30 am CONFESSIONS				

Saturday for Sunday:	5.30 pm.	Mass	David Purves	(anniversary)	(P.M.Purves)
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<u>22nd JANUARY 2017, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>						
ST. GREGORY'S	8.15 am.	Mass	People of the Parish			
SHOTTERY	9.30 am	Mass	Vincent Coleman	(90 th birthday)	(Caroline Wilkes)	
ST. GREGORY'S	11.15am	Mass	Gary Denstone	(speedy recovery)	(S.V.P.)	

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.
- **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.
- **ECUMENICAL SUPPER** on 21st January at 7.30pm. at the Methodist Centre (opposite Holy Trinity). Please contact Parish office for tickets.
- **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.
- **NEXT ALTAR SERVERS CLUB** 18th January, 5pm – 6pm
- **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 (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.
- **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE:** the next course will be held at 11.30am on Saturday, 25th February in the Parish room.
- **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:** apologises for inverting month dates of winners.

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
86. T. Evans	189. M. Milne
149. M. Caveney	20. M. Harper
159. A. Hamilton	206. G. Martin.
111. P. Horsley	255. Mr. & Mrs. Macleod
	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
- **STUDENT ACCOMMODATION NEEDED:** single room. Further details from Leon Peckson 07586141694, or Parish office.
- **HOST FAMILY REQUIRED FOR JULY 17** 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
- **PARISHIONER CONTACT DETAILS FORM.** We need to keep contact details for you up to date and you may not be on the list if you have not completed a form within the last 2 years. Contact information can be useful for lost property, lift sharing, support, home visits, saying thank-you, communications etc. etc. Please complete and return form to box provided in porches, or return 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 7/8th January 2017
Loose: £553.25, Gift Aid: £ 543.94 Boxes: £73.57
Thank you for your generosity.

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

Readings Next Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Collins Sunday Missal
Isaiah: 8:23-9:3. Psalm 26:1.4.13-14, R v: 1. St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13.17 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23