

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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18/19th FEBRUARY 2017, SEVENTH 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: Harry Nicolls, Clive Gunter, Bernadette Snell, Stephen Smith, R.I.P.

- **CELEBRATIONS:**

-	Tuesday	-	St. Peter Damian
-	Wednesday	-	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
-	Thursday	-	St. Polycarp
- **CHURCH CLEANING:** St Gregory's: Hazel Hughes

ST GREGORY'S

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

SUNDAY

<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>	11.15 am.	Mass	Palmerino-Nello Valentino		(Cristina Valentino)
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass			

ST. GREGORY'S

Monday	20 th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.		
Tuesday	21 st	9.30 am.	Mass.	Jeanette Hope	(RIP) (Patricia Grant)
Wednesday	22 nd	9.30 am.	Mass.	Sheela Burchill	(RIP)
Thursday	23 rd	9.30 am.	Mass.	Special Intention	(Mary Davies)
Friday	24 th	9.30 am	Mass.	Robert Webster	(LD) (E. & J. Fleetwood)
Saturday	25 th	10.30 - 11.30 am	CONFESSIONS		

Saturday for Sunday: 5.30 pm. Mass Glyn Jones (2nd anniversary) (Gaynor Jones)

26th February 2017, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>ST. GREGORY'S</u>	8.15 am.	Mass	Joan Davies	(anniversary)	(Cathryn Nash)
<u>SHOTTERY</u>	9.30 am.	Mass	Michael More	(anniversary)	(Mrs. Moore)
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SPECIAL COLLECTION next weekend, 25/26th February for S.P.U.C.

NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK

**We welcome to our congregation visitors to Stratford and those who have recently moved into our Parish.
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- **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, 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
- **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 to review the following Sunday's readings. All welcome.
- **HOLY HOUR 7.00pm on Thursdays.** All are welcome.
- **SVP:** 7.45pm on 20th February in the Parish Room.
- **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.
- **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 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 23rd 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. Local contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk
- **CAFOD LENT FAST DAY** is on Friday 10th March. There will be a short appeal after each mass the weekend 4th/5th March. Florence, 41, from Zambia received training from our partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. The sisters have worked in Zambia for over 20 years, and provided Florence with training in fish farming, giving her tools and some starter fish. Florence dug a pond, tended to her fish and then began selling them at market. Thanks to your support and Florence's determination, something as small as the size of your thumb - a tiny tilapia fish - became something amazing: a future for her children.
- **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** On Friday, 3rd 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, 3rd 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, 3rd March, starting at 2pm.
- **YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE:** Saturday, 25th March at Alton Castle, 10.00am -6.30pm. Contact 01675466912. Volunteers required to attend. If interested please contact Fr. Alex
- **VOCATIONS CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG MEN,** Wednesday 5th April. Contact Chris Smith on 07730 653787
- **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 2nd and 4th 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.
- **PARISH WHEELCHAIR:** The wheelchair is available for use at any of our services and events by any parishioner who needs it, to ease their journey from vehicle to pew or parish room. The wheelchair is kept by the font at the back of the church in the old Baptistery. Please return after use.
- **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.
- **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 Please note: Monday is Fr. Alex's day off.
- **RECENT COLLECTIONS:** Weekend 11/12th February 2017
Loose: £525.23 Gift Aid: £ 670.64 Boxes: £80.66
Thank you for your generosity.

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Readings Next Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Collins Sunday Missal
Isaiah 49:14-15 Psalm 61: 2-3.6-9. R v 6. First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4:1-5. Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

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