

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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18/19th MARCH 2017, THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Cath Austin, Mary Barratt, Roy Baylis, Silver Beckham Bazira, Rachel Bird, Vincent Coleman, Sophie Connor, Louise Cooke, Gladys Cuscito, 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 Pillingier, Vera Roche, Cristina Valentino, Pat Wade, David & Frances Westcott, Noel Wheatle, Amy Williamson, Cynthia Thompson, Suzie Weston, Maureen Harper, and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes and known to us.

ANNIVERSARIES in MARCH: Leslie Kay, Joan Mowen, Adam Batten- Holtom, Ellen Mahon, Katarzyna Sieczka, Henry Yates, Czeslaw Chetnik, Catherine Whateley, Joan Dilworthy, Rozalia Zdanko, Jim Connor, Maureen Martyn, Raymond Jack, Thomas Armstrong, Fiona Collins, Ryszard Werbel, Kathleen Roper, Pat Petty, Mike Zygmunt,, Francis Featherstone, Denise James, John Taylor, Jennifer Harrison, Lyliane Holtom, Maggie O'Gara, Jean Igoe, Mary Owen.

LATELY DEAD: Patricia Danes, Owen Beirne, John Hirons, Tony Carbonari, Bernard Grace, "Eamonn" Ramsey

- **CELEBRATIONS:**

-	Monday	-	St. Joseph
-	Tuesday	-	The passing of St. Benedict
-	Saturday	-	The Annunciation of the Lord
- **CHURCH CLEANING:** St Gregory's: Maria Carvajal

ST GREGORY'S

Saturday for Sunday 5.30pm Mass Bernie Snell (RIP) (K&M. Smith)

SUNDAY

ST. GREGORY'S 8.15 am Mass Derrick Evans (anniversary) (Terry Evans)

SHOTTERY: 9.30 am. Mass Chris & Dee Danes (special blessings) (Mike Lowe)

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

1.00 pm. Polish Mass
4.30 pm. Stations of the Cross

ST. GREGORY'S

Monday	20 th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.		
Tuesday	21 st	9.30 am.	Mass.	Bernie Snell	(LD) (Peter & Theresa Finkel)
Wednesday	22 nd	9.30 am.	Mass.	Bernie Snell	(LD) (S.V.P)
		7.00 pm.	Mass.	Private Intention (C.A.)	
Thursday	23 rd	9.30 am.	Mass. school years EYFS, 4 & 6	Bernie Snell	(LD) (Valentine)
Friday	24 th	11.00 am.	Funeral of "Eamonn" Charles Edward Ramsey		
		7.00 pm.	Mass	Bernie Snell	(LD) (Maureen Thompson)
Saturday	25 th	10.30 - 11.30 am Holy Hour and CONFESSIONS			

Saturday for Sunday 5.30 pm. Mass. Peter & Jane Corrigan (RIP) (Kay Martin)

26th March 2017, FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

ST. GREGORY'S 8.15 am. Mass Brenda Kennedy (RIP)

SHOTTERY 9.30 am. Mass People of the Parish

ST. GREGORY'S 11.15am. Mass Holy Souls Mass (Cristina Valentino)

4.30pm Stations of the Cross

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend, 18/19th March for 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.**

- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 4.30pm every Sunday during Lent at St. Gregory's.
- **LINEN LAUNDERER** – to "job" share, now urgently required. Please see Terry Evans or Fr. Alex or contact the Parish office for further details.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend, 18/19th March for S.V.P. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, chqs payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **HOLY HOUR. TIME TO BE STILL.** Saturday 25th March 10:30 - 11.30 at St Gregory's (confessions will be heard at this time also). You are invited to pray together for ourselves and for our deceased and bereaved parishioners. Refreshments will be served afterwards. You can contact the bereavement team on 07592572978 or email Stgregorysbt@gmail.com
- **ECCUMENICAL TRIP TO DOUAI ABBEY:** Sunday 21st May. Details to follow.
- **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
- **HOLY HOUR 7.00pm on Thursdays.** All are welcome.
- **SVP:** 7.45pm on 20th March in the Parish Room.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** The next luncheon dates are 20th March, 24th April, and 22nd May. 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.
- **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
- **LENT LUNCH at OUR LADY OF PEACE** on Saturday, 1st April 12pm – 2pm. A variety of lovely soups, breads and cheese, tea/coffee. Cost £3.00. All profit to D.E.C. Emergency Appeal for the 16 million people suffering famine and drought in East Africa. Tickets on sale at church entrance or by phoning Betty on 01386 438932. If you cannot attend would you consider supporting by donating some soup, cheese or butter? All donations gratefully received.
- **SVP:** next meeting date is at 7.45pm on 3rd April in Parish Room
- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** for St. Gregory's School at 10am in St. Gregory's church.
- **VOCATIONS CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG MEN,** Wednesday 5th April. A major vocations event will take place at the Nation Motorcycle Museum near Birmingham. Each secondary school has been encouraged to identify and invite several young men to this important occasion with the aim of fostering a culture of vocational discernment and to encourage a new generation of future priests. Contact Chris Smith on 07730 653787
- **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.
- **ST. GREGORY'S SCHOOL VACANCY: MIDDAY SUPERVISOR** 5 Hours 50 Minutes per week, Term Time Only. Band B Scp 6 – 8, £7.78 – £7.90 per hour. Start Date 24 April 2017 For a job description, more information and to apply, please call Clare Watson, Office Manager, on 01789 204517 or email admin3506@welearn365.com Closing date for applications: 29th March 2017. Interview date: 4th April 2017
- **MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES:** Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com Call for flight info. MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518. ENGLAND: 0044 20 3239 8662 Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com Website: www.med-irishcentre.com
- **DEANERY WEBSITE:** this can now be found at www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk
- **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.
- **NOTICE BOARDS IN ST GREGORY'S CHURCH:** If you have anything you would like posted on the notice board please hand it in to the Parish Office. Please do not put items up without permission.
- **BIBLE GROUP:** Tuesdays 7.30 p.m. The Bible Group meets every to review the following Sunday's readings. All welcome.
- **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.
- **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 March 2017
Loose: £294.72 Gift Aid: £ 607.88 Boxes: £105.52 CAFOD £ 1,755.80 . Thank you for your generosity.

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

First Book of Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13 Psalm 22. R v 1. Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5: 8-14. Gospel: John 9: 1-41