

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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25/26th FEBRUARY 2017, EIGHTH 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, Stephen Smith, Dame Celia Beanland OSB, Toby Gould.

- **CELEBRATIONS:** - Wednesday - Ash Wednesday
- **CHURCH CLEANING:** St Gregory's: Bridie Guerne & Patti Crockett

ST GREGORY'S

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

SUNDAY

ST. GREGORY'S 8.15 am Mass Joan Davies (anniversary) (Cathryn Nash)

SHOTTERY: 9.30 am. Mass Michael More (anniversary) (Mrs. Moore)

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

1.00 pm. Polish Mass

ST. GREGORY'S

Monday 27th 9.30 am. Communion Service.

Tuesday 28th 9.30 am. Mass. Michael Alford (anniversary) (Mary Alford)

Wednesday 1st 9.30 am. Mass & distribution of ashes in St. Gregory's School
7.00 pm Mass & distribution of ashes (Private Intention) (AA)

Thursday 2nd 9.30 am. Mass. Joan Broadhead (LD) (E. Cronin)

Friday 3rd 9.30 am Mass. Theresa Fowler (RIP) D. Laurens)

Saturday 4th 10.30 - 11.30 am CONFESSIONS

Saturday for Sunday 5.30 pm. Mass Raneleigh Woodhouse (anniversary) (Cristina Woodhouse)

5th March 2017, First Sunday in Lent

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

SHOTTERY 9.30 am. Mass Aniello Valentino & family (Cristina Valentino)

ST. GREGORY'S 11.15 am. Mass Maureen Martyn (anniversary) (Ted Martyn)

SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend, 25/26th February for S.P.U.C.

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, 4/5th March for Cathedral Maintenance

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.**

- **PARISH COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Terry Evans, Maureen Evans, Barbara Cassidy, Theresa Franczuk, Catherine Silvester, Arek Barys, Mary Bessey, David Cox, Edward Blackie, Rolf Heming.
- **ST. PATRICK'S PARTY:** Sat 18th March, 6.30pm- 9.00pm. in St. Gregory's School. Tickets £5.00, children free.
- **ECCUMENICAL TRIP TO DOUAI ABBEY:** Sunday 21st May. Details to follow.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend for Cathedral Maintenance. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, chqs payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **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.
- **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. Training given!
- **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 6 & 20th March in the Parish Room.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** The next luncheon date is 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.
- **C.W.L.** Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 1st March at 2pm. in the Parish room. We are having a quiz and anyone is welcome to join us.
- **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 now 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 at 2pm in The Methodist Church, Old Town, Stratford upon Avon
- **EVANGELISATION TEAM** Our next meeting for the Warwick Deanery parishes is on Monday 6th March at 7.30pm in the upper Davenport Room, St Peter's Parish Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AE. It is hoped that each parish will be represented to help with the planning for this year including the Fatima Centenary celebration at St Peter's for Saturday 13th May. 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.
- **STRATFORD FOOD BANK** We would very much like to invite you to attend the Foodbank's 3rd Annual General Meeting- March 16th 6pm at Alveston School. All are welcome - we can promise you an informative evening with an opportunity to network and socialise over refreshments at the end of the evening. Anything you can do to assist with sharing and promoting of this event through your own communications would be gratefully received
- **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.)
- **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 18/19th February 2017
Loose: £501.49 Gift Aid: £ 610.92 Boxes: £
Thank you for your generosity.

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

Genesis 2: 7-9. 3:1-7 Psalm 50:3-6. 12-14.17. R v 3. First Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 5:12-19. Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11