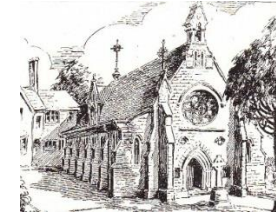


St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

This Parish is served by the Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey.

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Prayers for the Sick and Housebound: Cath Austin, Mary Barratt, Roy Baylis, Silver Beckham Bazira, Vincent Coleman, Sophie Connor, Louise Cooke, Gladys Cuscito, Carol Denny, Gary Denstone, Roy Donnelly, Gabrielle Edwardes, Patricia Elliot, Mary Foster, Barry Geedon, Maureen Harper, Brian Harrison, Anthony Hathaway, Mary Hedderman, Maureen Hunt, Andree Jones, Bill Johnson, Margaret Kay, Anne Kingland, Mary Lamming, Mike Lowe, Mildred Madden, Tom Mahon, Isabelle Mantella, Ted Martyn, Dominic Momcilovic, Helena Myczko, Maria Naldi, Don O'Donnell, Jean O'Neill, Tom O'Hare, Anne Parkinson, Reg Pillinger, Vera Roche, John Somers, Cynthia Thompson, Cristina Valentino, David & Frances Westcott, Suzie Weston Noel Wheatle, Margaret Young, Margaret Bullen, Aubrey Dreyden, and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes and known to us.

Anniversaries in September: William McCafferty, Margaret Spurrier, Patricia Redman, Zigniew Simborowski, Michael Pozzi, James Prosser, Luzia Fernandez, Iolanda Simborowski, Michael Kelly, Margaret Morris, Brian Rush, Teresa Martyn, Margaret Bluteau, Joan Gidlow, Attilio Branca, Anne Ferguson-Gow, Stefanie Neal, Norman More, Richard Leach. Elizabeth Franzcuk. First World War Dead.

Lately Dead: John Russell, Michael McNamee (Kevins' father), the victims of flooding, earthquake and world terrorist attacks.

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: Kath Elliott & Mo Lancaster.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 23/24th September 2017. £548 Loose: £557 Gift Aid: Boxes: £78
Father Hudson's Society £1,245

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend, 30th September/1st October for S.V.P. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank you.

SPECIAL APPEAL COLLECTION: this weekend, 30th/1st October The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will be taking the services and making a special appeal collection.

**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.**

30 September/ 1st October, the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Saturday 30th	5.30 pm	Mass. Olga Leary (anniversary) (John Leary)
Sunday 1st	11.15 am	Mass. People of the Parish
	1.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday 2nd	9.30 am	Communion Service.
Tuesday 3rd	9.30 am	Mass. Barbara Hall (1 st anni) (Richard Hall)
Wednesday 4th	9.30 am	Mass. Jean Laurens (LD) (J.V. Laurens)
	7.00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration and Liturgy for All Creation
Thursday 5th	9.30am	Mass. Eric Richards (RIP) (F. McKay & family)
Friday 6th	9.30am	Mass. Fr. Clement (Davis)
7/8th October, the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Saturday 7th	5.30 pm	Mass. People of the Parish
Sunday 8th	11.15 am	Mass. Gerald Morris (RIP, anni) (Doreen Morris)
NO Confessions		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.		
30 September/ 1st October, the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Sunday 1st	9.30 am	Mass. Momcilovic Family (special blessing) (Mike Lowe)
7/8th October, the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Sunday 8th	9.30 am	Mass. Jane May (recovery) (Friends)

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and Douai Abbey Parishes Trust.
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- **WE WELCOME FR. COLMAN KIMARYO OF THE SPIRITANS (THE HOLY GHOST FATHERS)** to preside at our masses this weekend and make a special appeal collection.
- **OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY** -it will be said after weekday Masses during the month.
- **CAFOD HARVEST FAST FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER.** There will be a short talk after each Mass on Sunday 1st October.
- **WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER: ST. FRANCIS SPECIAL LITURGY CELEBRATING CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT** followed by a **SHARED SUPPER: 7pm at St. Gregory's.** Please bring a plate of food to share.
- **CWL** next meeting is on Wednesday 4th October in the parish room at 2pm -do please come along. We heartily thank all those who came to our Strawberry Tea in July and helped us raise £197 for the Syrian Refugees fund.
- **HARVEST DISPLAY** 8th October at Our Lady of Peace 9.30am Mass. All are welcome to bring produce in thanksgiving. Items can be brought on the Saturday morning from 10am or to Mass on the Sunday. Fresh produce will be sold after Mass for CAFOD. Items like tins and packets will go to the Foodbank. Pope Francis has called us to live simply, let us share what we have with others.
- **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** – next date to be confirmed shortly.
- **SILENCE BEFORE MASS:** please try to maintain a prayerful quiet before mass and talk to God rather than your friends. People are welcome to use the family room at Our Lady of Peace or the parish room at St. Gregory's or the outside benches for catching up.
- **SVP:** Next meetings 2nd & 16th October, 6th & 20th November, 4th & 18th December.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting date to be advised. 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.
- **THANKSGIVING MASSES FOR THE DEAD AND BEREAVED:** celebration masses in thanksgiving for the lives of those lately dead and praying for those whose anniversaries occur each month and their families. The next mass will be on 27th October, at 7.00 pm at St Gregory's church. Other date for your diary: 24th November. For more information contact the bereavement team on 07592572978 or email stgregorysbt@gmail.com.
- **ST. GREGORY'S SCHOOL TESCO BAGS OF HELP SCHEME.** St. Gregory's School needs your support! Chosen as one of Tesco's "Bags of Help" charities for September and October, we are fundraising for much needed new equipment for our playground. You can support us by asking for blue tokens when you make purchases in the Birmingham Road store and the Banbury Road Tesco Metro, placing it in the box for St. Gregory's Playground Project by the store entrances. The charity with the most tokens will be awarded £4000. Thank you.
- **PRAYER DAYS FOR VOCATIONS – WARWICK DEANERY.** Please attend these forthcoming Eucharistic Adoration Days for Vocations in our deanery if you possibly can. Wednesday 4/10/17 – at Our Lady & St. Wulstan, Southam, Thursday 5/10/17 – at Our Lady & St. Benedict, Wootton Wawen

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- **CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.** With flooding causing chaos in India, Sierra Leone and Texas USA, we should turn our thoughts to our impact on Creation. Pope Francis has called upon Catholics to join annually with the Orthodox Church on 1 Sept. in “a world day of prayer for the care of creation”. Pope Francis urges Catholic parishes to participate in a month of action and reflection, ending with a celebration of the feast of St Francis on 4 Oct, which coincides with the northern hemispheres harvest festival time. Support one of the planned Parish events reflecting on Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si': **Special liturgy Weds 4 Oct, 7.00pm at St. Gregory's** and visit: livedaudatosi.org. Sign the pledge to live more simply, pray for and with creation and be an advocate to protect our common home.
- **ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL,** Avenue Road, will be hosting Open Mornings on 10th and 11th October at 9.30am. There will also be an Open Afternoon at 1.30pm on 12th October. Prospective parents of Reception age children (September 2018) are warmly invited to come and look around the school, and to meet our Headteacher, Mrs Jane McNally. If you would like any further information, please contact the School Office tel: 01789 204517.
- **DOUAI ABBEY:** Monastic Experience Weekends. Friday 27th – Sunday 29th October 2017 and Friday 15th - Sunday 17th June 2018. An invitation to men (aged 18-40) to meet the Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey, Berkshire, and to explore our Monastic Experience Programme. Further information: Fr. Gabriel Wilson OSB. pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk tel: 0118971 5310
- **RECYCLE YOUR MOBILE PHONES AND INKJET CARTRIDGES FOR STRATFORD LIFE.** Over the last 6 years the parish has raised over £550 for Stratford Life just by recycling things we no longer need. Please donate your old mobile phones and inkjet cartridges (not the large toner cartridges or ink tanks) by placing them in the box at the back of church. Phones and cartridges may also be donated via St Gregory's School. Inkjet cartridges may be placed in a Freepost envelope and posted to Recycle 4 Charity.
- **L.P.S. CAR PARK:** No charges from Saturday 5pm until Sunday 2.45pm. when it is reserved for church use.
- **HOLY HOUR:** 7.00pm on Thursdays. All are welcome.
- **BIBLE GROUP:** Tuesdays 7.30pm. The Bible Group meets every week to review the following Sunday's readings. All welcome.
- **WARWICK DEANERY WEBSITE:** this can now be found at www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk
- **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 488047 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 of address or tax status.
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