

## St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

**Prayers for the Sick and Housebound:** Cath Austin, Mary Barratt, Roy Baylis, Silver Beckham Bazira, Margaret Bullen, Vincent Coleman, Sophie Connor, Louise Cooke, Gladys Cuscito, Carol Denny, Gary Denstone, Roy Donnelly, Aubrey Dreyden, Gabrielle Edwardes, Patricia Elliot, Mary Foster, Barry Geedon, Maureen Harper, Brian Harrison, Anthony Hathaway, Mary Hedderman, Maureen Hunt, Adelina Coccozza, Bill Johnson, , Anne Kingland, Mike Lowe, Mildred Madden, Tom Mahon, Isabelle Mantella, Ted Martyn, Dominic Momcilovic, Helena Myczko, 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, Don O'Donnell, Clare Throckmorton and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes and known to us.

**Anniversaries in November:** Ian Reid, Laura Gunter, Joanna Palkowski, Fernando D'Ambrosio, Eileen Booth, Frederick Haney, Odette Kettle, Bernadette Halford, Paula Martyn, Anne Hooper, Walter Browning, Elizabeth Tevenan, Czeslawa Wodynska, Leslie Rouch, Kathleen Fleetwood, George Grima, David Crockett, Hilda Leeson.

**Lately Dead:** Theresa Early, Mary Lamming, Jack Pacione, Margaret Kay, Maria Naldi, Fr. Anthony Donaghue, Fr. Patrick O'Sullivan

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: Maureen Thompson & Nuala Crawley.

**Recent Collections.**

Weekend 28/29<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Loose: £ 503.41 Gift Aid: £ 595.00 Boxes: £ 99.97

Thank you for your generosity.

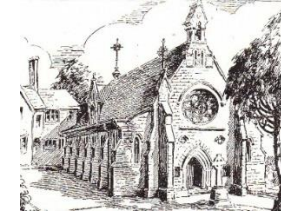
**SECOND COLLECTION:** this weekend, 4/5<sup>th</sup> November for Retired and Infirm Clergy. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank you.

**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.**

**The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and Douai Abbey Parishes Trust.  
Registered Charity Number 1063237**

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

**Parish Office:**  
Open Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday mornings



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<b>4/5<sup>th</sup> November, the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Bernadette Snell (RIP) (Josie Scanlon & family)
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish
	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Joffy Thomas Jifi (Thanksgiving) (A. Vijohn)
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1.30 am</b>	<b>Funeral of Maria Naldi. Requiem Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1.30 am</b>	<b>Funeral of Margaret Kay. Requiem Mass</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b> Remembrance service in St. Gregory's school
	<b>11.00 pm</b>	
<b>11/12<sup>th</sup> November, the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Conor O'Duffy (RIP) (I. Moore-Bridger)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish
<b>Confessions: Saturday 10.30-11.30am at St. Gregory's (no confessions 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.)</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.</b>		
<b>4/5<sup>th</sup> November, the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary time</b>		
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Ellenbroek family. In remembrance of family and friends.
<b>11/12<sup>th</sup> November, the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> For Polish community (Mike Lowe)

- **FR. ALEX** will be in hospital for minor surgery on 10<sup>th</sup> November and convalescing the following week. Fr. George Webster will preside over week-end masses.
- **INSTRUCTION FOR THOSE WISHING TO BECOME CATHOLICS.** Open meeting Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 6 -7pm. All welcome.
- **ORGANIST CATHERINE INMAN:** Our organist has moved away from the parish. We thank her for her faithful service and wish her every blessing. Can you play the piano or organ? If so, please could you help us by accompanying the singing for the 11.15 a.m. Masses on Sundays? Contact Father Alex, or Doreen Morris on 01789 205511.
- **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** – Weds, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm in the Parish room.
- **SVP:** Next meetings are 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are 13<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December. If you have booked any lunch and then are unable to attend, please contact Helen on 01789 550545, or Val on 01789 293267, giving as much notice as possible. This is important for catering numbers.
- **C.W.L.** a grateful thank you to all who have supported the fundraising appeals throughout the year. As a result, we have sent £778.98 to the Stratford Eye and Cancer Hospital appeal and £197.00 to the Pope's Syrian Refuge Fund.
- **THE BIG BACON BREAKFAST BAP:** on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding a fundraising event at OLP after 9:30 Mass. All profits will be divided between the family of Silva BAZIR and the refurbishment of St. Gregory's School playground. Donation of cakes / raffle items very welcome.
- **EVANGELISATION TEAM.** Our next meeting for the Warwick Deanery parishes is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 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 us share the Good News. Contact: Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)
- **STRATFORD LIFE'S NOVEMBER CONCERT:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm, in the Ballroom, Stratford Town Hall. The Stratford Musical Theatre Company performing again to help Stratford Life raise funds for Life's work in the Midlands. Tickets at £12 include a glass of wine, are on sale after Mass, or by contacting Anne and Anthony Carus on 01789 269150. Previous concerts have always sold out ahead of the night.
- **FATIMA CENTENARY. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November** marks the end of the Centenary Year commemorating Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima in 1917. At St Peter's there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from **3pm to 4pm** followed by rosary and procession to the Parish Centre with the Fatima statue, it's new home. After prayers and hymns, we will finish with light refreshments. St Peter's is a pilgrimage church for the Birmingham archdiocese during the Fatima Centenary Year. St Peter Apostle Catholic Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE. For other information contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 Email: [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)
- **THE CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS** will take place this year on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 11am at OLP. Due to the amazing popularity of last year's event numbers are strictly limited. If you are unlucky enough not to get a ticket, wreaths can be ordered from Maria Mealey. Tickets and wreaths £10, all proceeds for church funds.
- **ADOREMUS** – National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress. Liverpool, 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September **2018**. "I am the Bread of Life". More details to follow. Please pray for the success of this major event.
- **OUR LADY OF PEACE** central heating is undergoing major repairs and so will be out of action for approximately 3 weeks. Wrap up warm!
- **ROTAS 2018:** We will shortly be making the St. Gregory's rotas for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and cleaners. There is an urgent need for more readers at the Saturday 5.30pm mass and for Eucharistic ministers at the 11.15am Sunday mass. If you can offer either or have changes in your circumstances, or changes of contact details, please advise the Parish office at your earliest convenience.
- **THANK YOU** to all who supported 'FATIMA THE 13TH DAY'. DVD's at £5 will be available until the end of the month. Contact: Rosalind-Marie tel: 07789 282689.
- **ROSARIES:** any unwanted rosaries can be sent to the Catenian Rosary Group for the Aboriginals in Australia and Missions in the 3<sup>rd</sup> world African countries. We will continue to collect them at St Gregory's so please continue to leave them in the box in the porch for periodic forwarding.
- **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.
- **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](http://www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk)
- **BEREAVEMENT TEAM:** parishioners can contact a member of the team on 07592572978 or email [stgregorysbt@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- **PARISH OFFICE:** The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings. Telephone 01789 292439. Please note: Monday is Fr. Alex's day off.