

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

Parish Priest:
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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 Cocozza, 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, 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: Margaret Kay, Maria Naldi, Fr. Anthony Donaghue, Fr. Patrick O'Sullivan, Clare Throckmorton

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: Paddy Harvey.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 4/5th November 2017. Loose: £ 661.30 Gift Aid: £ 550.30 Boxes: £ 110.95

Retired and Infirm Clergy £534.68

Thank you for your generosity.

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

11/12th November, the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A)		
Saturday 11th	5.30 pm	Mass. Conor O'Duffy (RIP) (I. Moore-Bridger)
Sunday 12th	11.15 am	Mass. People of the Parish
	1.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday 13th	9.30 am	Communion Service. (E.M. Marcella Spreadbury)
Tuesday 14th	9.30 am	Communion Service. (E.M. Diane Hunt)
Wednesday 15th	1.30 am	Communion Service. (E.M. Edmund Blackie)
Thursday 16th	1.30 am	Communion Service. (E.M. Terry Evans)
Friday 17th	9.30am	Communion Service. (E.M. Diane Hunt)
18/19th November, the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A)		
Saturday 18th	5.30 pm	Mass. People of the Parish
Sunday 19th	11.15 am.	Mass. Mr. Bottaro (RIP) (Jane Meehan)
Confessions: Saturday 10.30-11.30am at St. Gregory's (no confessions 11th & 18th Nov.)		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottery.		
11/12th November, the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A)		
Sunday 12th	9.30 am	Mass. For Polish community (Mike Lowe)
18/19th November, the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A)		
Sunday 19th	9.30 am	Mass. Michael McNamee (RIP) (Margaret Bright)

- **FR. ALEX** will be in hospital for minor surgery on 10th 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, 24th 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, 15th November, 6pm in the Parish room.
- **NEXT ALTAR SERVERS CLUB** 15th November, 5pm – 6pm
- **SVP:** Next meetings are 20th November, 4th & 18th December.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are 13th November and 11th 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 Refugee Fund.
- **STRATFORD LIFE'S NOVEMBER CONCERT:** Friday 24th 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 been a sell out.
- **FATIMA CENTENARY CLOSING CEREMONY** Sunday 26th November. Exposition, rosary and procession followed by refreshments. St. Peter's, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE. For other information contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 Email: mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk
- **THE CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS** will take place this year on Friday 1st December at 7pm and Saturday 2nd 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.
- **ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION with CONFESSIONS,** 8th December at 7pm at St. Gregory's.
- **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES,** 25th – 28th May 2018. Cost £530. If interested in visiting Lourdes and for enquiries, please contact Jane Chamberlain on 07790456026. There is a fund to assist those in need of financial help.
- **ADOREMUS** – National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress. Liverpool, 7th – 9th September **2018.** "I am the Bread of Life". More details to follow. Please pray for the success of this major event.
- **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 those who contributed to the remembrance mass on Friday evening, 3rd November and assisted with refreshments.
- **THANK-YOU** to all who contributed in a variety of ways to the Big Bacon Breakfast at OLP on 5th November. It was a lovely community event. The profit of £284. 00 will be shared equally between Silva BAZIRA (awaiting further transplant at Birmingham Children's Hospital), and St Gregory's Primary School PTA (playground refurbishment).
- **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 Aborigines in Australia and Missions in the 3rd 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 or leave notices at back of church. 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
- **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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