

## 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, 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, 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, Aubrey Dreyden, and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes and known to us.

**Anniversaries in October:** Margarite Allard, Anne Dyke, Patricia Waters, Jean Murphy, Gerald Morris, Witold Pozarycai, David Harrison, Hilda Ford, Margaret Bliss, Hilda Ford, Irene Chidzik, Frances Seeney, , Georgina Hilton, Czeslav Olejniczak, Kathleen Wright, Peter Robinson, Mary Saddington, John Kelly, Katarzyna Sokalski, Ronald Bouverat, Margaret Mayhew.

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

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: Dorothy Laurens and Anne Connor.

### Recent Collections.

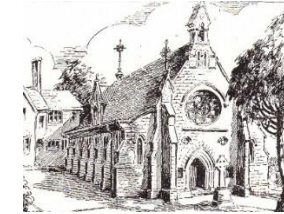
Weekend 7/8<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Loose: £ 603.77 Gift Aid: £ 534.93 Boxes: £ 73.42

Harvest Fast (CAFOD) £ 949.21p

Thank you for your generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** next weekend, 21/22<sup>nd</sup> October for APF World Mission Sunday.

Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank you.



### Parish Priest:

Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

### Parish Office:

Open Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday mornings

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<b>14/15<sup>th</sup> October, the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Barbara Evans (anni) (Terry Evans)
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Catenian Past Presidents & their ladies (Doreen Morris)
	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Mary Keenan (RIP) ( M. Kenny)
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Mary Lamming (LD)
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Kay Johnson (LD) (Barbara Grace)
<b>21/22<sup>nd</sup> October, the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Thanksgiving for 40 years of marriage (Derek & Shelia)
<b>Confessions: Saturdays 10.30-11.30am at St. Gregory's.</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.</b>		
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**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**

- **DAILY ROSARY** after weekday Masses during October.
- **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** – Weds, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 6pm in the Parish room.
- **SVP:** Next meeting are 16<sup>th</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December.
- **NEXT ALTAR SERVERS CLUB** 18<sup>th</sup> October , 5pm – 6pm
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are Mondays 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 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 notice as possible. 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 27<sup>th</sup> October, at 7.00 pm at St Gregory's church. Other date for your diary: 24<sup>th</sup> November. For more information contact the bereavement team on 07592572978 or email [stgregorysb@gmail.com](mailto:stgregorysb@gmail.com).
- **A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7 pm. We will remember all parishioners who have died this year and we pray also for our departed family members and friends. The graves at St Gregory's will be blessed after Mass. There will also be an opportunity to meet and share refreshments together.
- **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November the blessing of graves will be at Evesham Road Cemetery, Stratford-upon-Avon at 12 noon.
- **THE BIG BACON BREAKFAST BAP** is returning! 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. More information to follow.
- **NATIONAL BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK, 9TH - 15TH OCTOBER 2017.** Remembering the all-too-brief lives of babies who did not live to birth or beyond infancy. There are small memorials in St Gregory's Church, on the wall of the Lady Chapel and in Our Lady of Peace Church near the 'Prayer Intentions' area, both with small prayer cards to take away and a contact telephone number for support.
- **WELCOMING BACK TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH:** on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 10am-4pm at the Maryvale Institute, parish groups from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham are invited to attend. The day will be filled with practical tips and welcoming people back to the Catholic Faith. Included in the day there will be a workshop on how to run a ***Come Home for Christmas Campaign*** in your parish. To book places please contact Natalie Orefice via email: [parishevang@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:parishevang@maryvale.ac.uk) or phone 07718910585.
- **DOUAI ABBEY:** Monastic Experience Weekends. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk) tel: 0118971 5310
- **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.
- **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.
- **CAFOD:** £80 was raised from selling the produce donated for the harvest display. Special thanks to Francesca and Philip Taylor who gave produce from their allotment.
- **OUR LADY OF PEACE** central heating is undergoing major repairs and so will be out of action for approximately 3 weeks.
- **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.
- **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 [stgregorysb@gmail.com](mailto:stgregorysb@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.