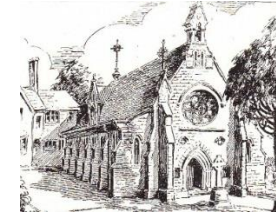


St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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, 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: Peter Holiday, John Russell, the victims of flooding and world terrorist attacks.

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: The Polish Group

Recent Collections.

Weekend 9/10th September 2017. Loose: £562.08, Gift Aid: £487.52, Boxes: £95.99
Catholic Education Service £415.41

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend, 16/17th September, for Catholic Evangelisation, next weekend, 23/24th September for Father Hudson's Society. 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.

16/17th September the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Saturday 16th	5.30 pm	Mass. Lionel Terrington (LD) (The Grant Family)
Sunday 17th	11.15 am	Mass. People of the Parish
	1.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday 18th	9.30 am 10.00 am	Communion Service. CWL Holy Hour for Creation
Tuesday 19th	9.30 am	Communion Service
Wednesday 20th	9.30 am	Communion Service
Thursday 21st	9.30am	Communion Service
Friday 22nd	9.30pm	Communion Service
23/24th September the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Saturday 23rd	12.00pm 5.30 pm	Marriage of Lewis Matthews & Joanne Horton Mass. Joan Gidlow (anniversary) (Judith Lofthouse)
	11.15 am	Mass. People of the Parish
NO Confessions		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottery.		
16/17th September the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Sunday 17th	9.30 am	Mass. Rose Fuentabaja ((RIP) (Nuala Crawley)
23/24th September the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Sunday 24th	9.30 am.	Mass. Terry Cosgrove (Margaret)

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- **WE WELCOME FR. CHRIS GREANEY** to preside at our masses this weekend.
- **POPE FRANCIS CARE FOR CREATION** letter "Laudato si'" is calling on everyone to tackle the global issues that we face in terms of global warming and environmental damage. He in particular refers to the impact on the poorer members of society.
- **CWL HOLY HOUR** for Creation supported by CAFOD are arranging a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the morning Service on Monday 18th September 2017 at 10 am-11am. Please join us for prayers, Reading and an opportunity for silent prayer in support of our Holy Father's initiative. For more information and full transcript, please see CAFOD's website.
- **ST. FRANCIS SHARED SUPPER** on Wednesday 4th October at 7pm at OLP.
- **CONFIRMATIONS PREPARATION** Wednesday, 27th September, 6pm, Parish room.
- **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 18th September, 2nd & 16th October, 6th & 20th November, 4th & 18th December.
- **NEXT ALTAR SERVERS CLUB** 21st September, 5pm – 6pm
- **STRATFORD CHURCHES TOGETHER FORUM MEETING:** to be held on 21st September, 7.30pm at the United Reform Church, Stratford-upon-Avon.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting date 25th September. 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. Tuesday 19/09/2017 - St Anne Wappenbury
Wednesday 4/10/17 – at Our Lady & St. Wulstan, Southam,
Thursday 5/10/17 - at Our Lady & St. Benedict, Wootton Wawen
- **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': 9.30am Communion Service 18 Sept / Holy Hour Thurs 28 Sept / Special liturgy Weds 4 Oct and visit: livalaudatosi.org. Sign the pledge to live more simply, pray for and with creation and be an advocate to protect our common home.
- **FATHER HUDSON'S SOCIETY:** On 23-24 September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Society. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic social care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people young and old. Please give generously to this worthy cause. As well as giving through the Church, parishioners can support Father Hudson's by donating online at www.fatherhudsons.org.uk.
- **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
- **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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