

## St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

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



**Parish Office:**  
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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 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, 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:** Fr. Anthony Donaghue, Fr. Patrick O'Sullivan, Clare Throckmorton, Raymond Allard

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: Margaret Bright.

**Recent Collections.**

Weekend 4/5<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>18/19<sup>th</sup> November, the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Mr. Bottaro (RIP) (Jane Meehan)
	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b> (E.M. Peter Finkel)
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b> (E.M. Diane Hunt)
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b> (E.M. Edmund Blackie)
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b> (E.M. Terry Evans)
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communions Service.</b> (E.M. Peter Finkel)
<b>25/26<sup>th</sup> November, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A)</b>		
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> The deceased Brothers and Ladies of the Stratford-upon-Avon Catenian Circle
	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Dyl Durden (RIP) David Woulfe
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Austin Bryan (anniversary) Doreen Morris
<b>Confessions: no confessions 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shottery.</b>		
<b>18/19<sup>th</sup> November, the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Michael McNamee (RIP) (Margaret Bright)
<b>25/26<sup>th</sup> November, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A)</b>		
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Fr. Alex & Fr. Clement (Special Blessing) Mike Lowe

- **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend for Catholic Youth Service. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **INSTRUCTION FOR THOSE WISHING TO BECOME CATHOLICS.** Open meeting Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 6 -7pm. All welcome.
- **ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION with CONFESSIONS,** 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm at St. Gregory's.
- **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** – Weds, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm in the Parish room.
- **SVP:** Next meetings are 20<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting date is 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.
- **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 been a sell out.
- **FATIMA CENTENARY CLOSING CEREMONY** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](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.
- **C.W.L.** Christmas lunch to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Please phone 01789 268760 or 07703462060 if you would like to come along – booking essential.
- **EUCCHARIST & THE FAMILY** - New for November 17 and in preparation for two large events next year in the life of the Church: the World Meeting of Families (21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Aug) and the Adoremus: Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress (7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Sept) 2018. For more information contact Paul Northam at [fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk) or Sr Gillian Murphy [parishesmv@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:parishesmv@maryvale.ac.uk) St JPll Centre, Bicester 25<sup>th</sup> Nov., Holy Trinity, Newcastle 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. Worcester 20<sup>th</sup> Jan., Christ the King, Coventry 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb., Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford 24<sup>th</sup> Feb., Marylevale Institute Birmingham 24<sup>th</sup> March.
- **CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS 2017:** if you would like to order a scrumptious home-made pudding and help raise funds for CWL chosen charity, please order from Pat on 01789 268973 as soon as possible.
- **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES,** 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 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, 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.
- **WALK OF WITNESS,** Good Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2018: is being organised by St. Gregory's this time. We will need volunteers who are able to help in a variety of capacities, now in the planning stage, and on the day. If you can help, please sign clipboard in porch with your details. Thank you.
- **THANK YOU** everyone from St Gregory's SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) for your generosity in the recent parish collection, which raised over £1600. The money will help support those in need both at home and overseas. If you have a spare hour or two a week, please do think about joining us - you'll be very welcome. (More details via the parish office.)
- **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](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.
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