

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, 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.

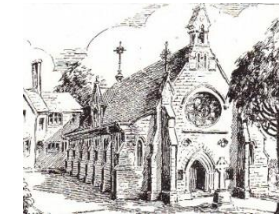
Anniversaries in August: Barbara Masslen, Kathleen Loughran, John Purves, Mary Young, Pauline Lees, Kathleen Kilbride, Sheela Burchill, Maria Fowler, Anne Dyke, Clarice Leary, Teresa Vaughan, Kathleen Finch, Frederick Tew, Stuart Cooke, John Leeson, Majorie Terrall.

Lately Dead:

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: Maria Carvajal

Recent Collections.

Weekend 12/13th August 2017. Loose: £536.61, Gift Aid: £542.78, Boxes: £57.89.
Thank you for your generosity.



Parish Priest:
Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

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Open Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
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19/20 August the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Saturday 19th	5.30 pm	Mass. Hall Family Intentions (Louise Hall)
Sunday 20th	8.15 am	Mass. People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Mass. Larry Feeney (anni) (Joan Feeney)
	1.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday 21st	9.30 am	Communion Service.
Tuesday 22nd	9.30 am	Mass. Pat Kennedy (recovery) (Etta Mahon)
Wednesday 23rd	9.30 am	Mass. Charlie Villa (recovery) (A. & B. Basford)
Thursday 24th	9.30am	Mass. Arun Bharali (LD) (M. Callaghan)
Friday 25th	7.00 pm	Mass for lately dead and August anniversaries.
26/27th August the Twenty-first- Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Saturday 26th	12.00pm	Marriage of James Kearns & Sonia Hart
	5.30 pm	Mass. John Moore (LD) (Etta Mahon)
Sunday 27th	8.15 am.	NO MASS
	11.15 am.	Mass. Angela Pritchard (recovery) (Gaynor Jones)
No Confessions.		
Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.		
19/20 August the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Sunday 19th	9.30 am	Mass. Cuscito family (special blessing) (Mike Lowe)
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Sunday 27th	9.30 am.	Mass. St. Gregory's Parish Office staff (Mike Lowe)

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.

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- **FR. CLEMENT** is returning to Nigeria next weekend. We congratulate him again on his doctorate, thank him for all his invaluable work in the parish and wish him every blessing for his future. He is assured of our prayers. He will be returning next year for a belated farewell party and presentation.
- **8.15 am MASS** is temporarily suspended after 20th August until the arrival of a new curate.
- **NEXT PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING:** Thursday, 7th September at 7.00pm in Parish room.
- **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES** will begin with Registration, Wednesday 6th September, 7.00pm at St. Gregory's. There will be eight weekly classes, details to follow. Candidates please email your names to the Parish Office stgregorysua@btconnect.com
- **CONFIRMATIONS** will take place on Friday 15th December at 7pm. with Bishop William Kenny celebrating.
- **SVP:** No meetings in August. Next meetings after summer break are 4th & 18th September, 2nd & 16th October, 6th & 20th November, 4th & 18th December.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting date 25th September (there is **no** meeting in August.) 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.
- **ST. GREGORY'S RE-ORDERING:** Plans on display at back of church. Please view and give any feedback to Fr. Alex.
- **THANKSGIVING MASSES FOR THE DEAD AND BEREAVED:** You may have noticed we are celebrating a mass in thanksgiving for the lives of those lately dead. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur each month and we pray for their families. The next mass will be on 25th August at 7.00 pm at St Gregory's church. Other dates for your diary, 29th September, 27th October, 24th November, 22nd December. For more information contact the bereavement team on 07592572978 or email stgregorysbt@gmail.com.
- **CHOLERA:** Yemen Crisis. In response to the devastating Cholera epidemic in the Yemen, recent profits from the sale of Fair Trade Tea and Coffee at OLP (£50.00) have been donated via the CAFOD Emergency funding programme. Many thousands of little children and adults are seriously ill and many have died from this water born infection. CAFOD is working with the Disasters Emergency Committee to provide clean safe drinking water and food to populations under threat and providing urgent rehydration medicines and antibiotics for those infected with the bacteria. Many thanks for your continued support.
- **HARVINGTON PILGRIMAGE:** Sunday 3rd September. Coach starts at St Peter's Leamington leaving at 10.15am and then leaves St Francis Kenilworth at 10.30am. Tours of Harvington Hall have been booked (at no extra cost) at 12.20pm and 12.45pm. Mass with Bishop Robert Byrne is at 3pm. Bring a chair and a packed lunch. Coach leaves Harvington Hall at 5.30pm. To book coach and

a tour phone Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 or Peter Shiels 01926 853494 (for Kenilworth). Please pay in cash on the day, maximum £15 (may be less), under 16 free.

- **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE:** the next course will be held on Saturday, 16th September at 11.00am in the Parish room.
- **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS** will be taking place at Barnes Close, Bromsgrove (Non Residential) 9th-10th September 2017 and at the Ibis Hotel, Rugby (Residential) 24th-26th November 2017. They are enrichment weekends for normal, ordinary marriages (NOT counselling). ME weekends have proved time and time again to be of immense value to couples however long they have been married. All discussions are private to the participating couples; there is no group work. For further information go to www.wwme.org.uk or contact Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 2447762.
- **YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULT WEEKEND** at Douai Abbey 20th -22nd Oct 2017. Are you 18-40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like-minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey in Berkshire) with Lawrence Lew O.P., and Canon Poucin ICKSP. You'll be able to hear catechetical talks, learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary, socialize and have fun. Book soon as places are limited! To book go to:- To Book: <https://v1.bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2017> For updates goto:- <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/>. For more details go to <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm>. Prices start from £18.50.
- **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.
- **PARISH OFFICE:** The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings. Telephone 01789 292439. Please note: Monday is Fr. Alex's day off. Our email address is: stgregorysua@btconnect.com