

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

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: Peter Hobbs.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 14/15th October 2017. Loose: £ 541.62 Gift Aid: £ 570.82 Boxes: £ 126.91
Thank you for your generosity.

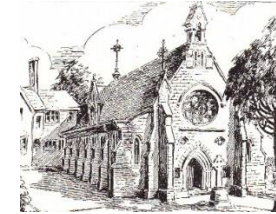
SECOND COLLECTION: this weekend, 21/22nd October for APF World Mission Sunday. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank you.

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

Parish Priest:
Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

Parish Office:
Open Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday mornings



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21/22nd October, the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Saturday 21st	5.30 pm	Mass. People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd	11.15 am	Mass. Thanksgiving for 40 years of marriage. (Derek & Shelia)
	1.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday 23rd	9.30 am	Communion Service.
Tuesday 24th	9.30 am	Mass. Henry Spikker (anniversary) Angela Doherty
Wednesday 25th	12.00 pm	Funeral of "Jack" Pacione
Thursday 26th	9.30 am	Mass. Geraldine Jackson (RIP) John Jackson
Friday 27th	7.00 pm	Mass for the lately dead and October anniversaries.
28/29th October, the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Saturday 28th	5.30 pm	Mass. People of the Parish
Sunday 29th	11.15 am.	Mass. Ronald Bouverat (anniversary) Patricia Bouverat
Confessions: Saturdays 10.30-11.30am at St. Gregory's.		
Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.		
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Sunday 22nd	9.30 am	Mass. Leo Phillips & family (Special Blessing) Mike Lowe
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Sunday 29th	9.30 am	Mass. Philip Gerard (RIP) & family (Caroline Wilks)

- **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? Please contact Father Alex, or Doreen Morris on 01789 205511.
- **DAILY ROSARY** after weekday Masses during October.
- **PARISH ACCOUNTS:** the committee minutes are at the back of the churches and on the website.
- **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** – Weds, 1st November, 6pm in the Parish room.
- **SVP:** Next meetings are 6th & 20th November, 4th & 18th December.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are Mondays 23rd October, 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.
- **THANKSGIVING MASSES FOR THE DEAD AND BEREAVED OF THE MONTH:** The next mass will be on 27th October, at 7.00 pm at St Gregory's church. For more information contact the bereavement team on 07592572978 or email stgregorysb@gmail.com.
- **MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR OUR DEAD AND BLESSING OF GRAVES** on Friday 3rd November at 7 pm. The graves at St Gregory's will be blessed after Mass. There will also be an opportunity to meet and share refreshments together.
- **CAN YOU HELP?** Prepare and assist at the REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING MASS 3rd November 7pm. Have you a skill or talent you could share? Can you sing, play an instrument, provide or serve refreshments, or assist in some other way. Please contact us on 07592572978 or sign the form in the porch.
- **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** on Saturday 4th 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 5th 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. Donation of cakes / raffle items very welcome .
- **WELCOMING BACK TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH:** on Saturday 28th 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 or phone 07718910585.
- **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

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explore our Monastic Experience Programme. Further information: Fr. Gabriel Wilson OSB. pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk tel: 0118971 5310

- **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 always sold out ahead of the night.
- **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.
- **OUR LADY OF PEACE** central heating is undergoing major repairs and so will be out of action for approximately 3 weeks. Wrap up warm!
- **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.
- **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. 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 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. 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.

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