

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, 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 Cocozza, 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: Clare Throckmorton, Raymond Allard.

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: The Polish Group.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 18/19th November 2017. Loose: £ Gift Aid: £ Boxes: £
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

25/26th November, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A)		
Saturday 25th	10.00am 5.30 pm	Mass. The deceased Brothers and Ladies of the Stratford-upon-Avon Catenian Circle Mass. Dyl Durden (RIP) David Woulfe
Sunday 26th	11.15 am	Mass. Austin Bryan (anniversary) Doreen Morris
	1.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday 27th	9.30 am	Communion Service.
Tuesday 28th	9.30 am	Mass. Mary Lamming (LD)
Wednesday 29th	9.30 am	Mass. David Crockett (RIP) (PC)
Thursday 30th	9.30 am	Mass. School years 3 & 6 Castello (RIP) (Mulcahy)
Friday 1st	9.30 am	Mass. Peter Holiday (LD) (Maeve Holiday)
2/3rd December, First Sunday of Advent (Year B)		
Saturday 2nd	5.30 pm	Mass. Rita & Jim Falconer (anniversary) The Irving Family
Sunday 3rd	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
Confessions: no confessions 25^h November.		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.		
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Sunday 26th	9.30 am	Mass. Fr. Alex & Fr. Clement (Special Blessing) Mike Lowe
2/3rd December, First Sunday of Advent (Year B)		
Sunday 3rd	9.30 am.	Mass. Lorraine McVeigh (RIP) Mike Lowe

- **ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION with CONFESSIONS**, 8th December at 7pm at St. Gregory's.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend for Catholic Youth Service, next weekend, 2/3rd December for Christmas Parcels. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **FUNERAL** of Clare Throckmorton: 2pm on Thursday, 28th November at Coughton.
- **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**: 29th Nov, 6th & 13th Dec 6pm in the Parish room.
- **SVP**: Next meetings are 4th & 18th December.
- **ADORATION DAY FOR VOCATIONS**: 7th December at St. Joseph's, Whitnash.
- **LUNCH CLUB**. next meeting date is 11th December. If you have booked any lunch and then are unable to attend, contact Helen on 01789 550545, or Val on 01789 293267, giving as much notice as possible as is important for catering numbers.
- **CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS** will take place this year on Friday 1st December at 7pm and Saturday 2nd 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, tel: 01789 295752/07976 384275. Tickets and wreaths £10, all proceeds for church funds.
- **C.W.L.** Christmas lunch to be held on 6th December at 12.30pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Please phone 01789 268760 or 07703462060 if you would like to come along – booking essential.
- **EUCHARIST & 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 (21st - 26th Aug) and the Adoremus: Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress (7th - 9th Sept) 2018. For more information contact Paul Northam at fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk or Sr Gillian Murphy parishesmv@maryvale.ac.uk St JPll Centre, Bicester 25th Nov., Holy Trinity, Newcastle 9th Dec. Worcester 20th Jan., Christ the King, Coventry 3rd Feb., Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford 24th Feb., Maryleval Institute Birmingham 24th 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.
- **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**. The next Marriage Preparation Course, for those getting married in our church next year, will be held over two days on Saturday 27th January & Saturday 10th February 2018. For further details please refer to the relevant page on our parish website. <http://www.stgregorys-stratford.org/marriage-preparation-course.php>
- **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**, 25th – 28th 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, 7th – 9th 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 30th 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 £1,600. 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.)
- **STRATFORD CHURCHES TOGETHER 2018 LENT COURSE**: "Apocalypse Now?" - An Exploration of the Book of Revelation with the Rev Canon Andrew Dow. Wednesdays 21,28 February; 7,14,21 March at St Andrew's Shotton, 7.30pm. Why not put the dates in your 2018 diaries now!
- **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
- **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.
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