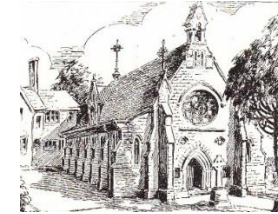


## St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

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

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



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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, Aubrey Dreyden, 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:** John Russell, James McNamee (Kevins' father), the victims of flooding, earthquake and world terrorist attacks.

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: Leonardo Cusito

### Recent Collections.

Weekend 16/17<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Loose: 683.51 £, Gift Aid: 588.84 £, Boxes: £56.82 Catholic Evangelisation £381.55

Thank you for your generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** this weekend, 23/24<sup>th</sup> September for Father Hudson's Society, next weekend, 30<sup>th</sup> September/1<sup>st</sup> October for S.V.P. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank you.

**SPECIAL APPEAL COLLECTION:** next weekend, 30<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> October The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers)

<b>23/24<sup>th</sup> September the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Joan Gidlow (anniversary) (Judith Lofthouse)
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish
	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour for Creation.</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>30 September/ 1<sup>st</sup> October, the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Olga Leary (anniversary) (John Leary)
	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish
<b>NO Confessions</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.</b>		
<b>23/24<sup>th</sup> September the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Terry Cosgrove (Margaret)
<b>30 September/ 1<sup>st</sup> October, the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Momcilovic Family (special blessing) (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.**

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and Douai Abbey Parishes Trust.  
Registered Charity Number 1063237

- **WE WELCOME FR. GEORGE WEBSTER S.S.C.** to preside at our masses this weekend.
- **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm, Parish room.
- **HOLY GHOST FATHERS APPEAL** next weekend, 30<sup>th</sup> Sept/1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Fr. Colman Kimaryo will preside at masses and make a special appeal collection.
- **CAFOD HARVEST FAST FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER.** There will be a short talk after each Mass on Sunday 1st October.
- **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER: ST. FRANCIS SPECIAL LITURGY CELEBRATING CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT** followed by a **SHARED SUPPER:** 7pm at **St. Gregory's.** Please bring a plate of food to share.
- **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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting date 25<sup>th</sup> 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 [stgregorysb@gmail.com](mailto:stgregorysb@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. 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

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planned Parish events reflecting on Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si': 9.30am Communion Service 18 Sept / Holy Hour 7.00pm, Thurs 28 Sept / Special liturgy Weds 4 Oct, 7.00pm at St. Gregory's and visit: [livalaudatosi.org](http://livalaudatosi.org). Sign the pledge to live more simply, pray for and with creation and be an advocate to protect our common home.

- **ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL,** Avenue Road, will be hosting Open Mornings on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. There will also be an Open Afternoon at 1.30pm on 12th October. Prospective parents of Reception age children (September 2018) are warmly invited to come and look around the school, and to meet our Headteacher, Mrs Jane McNally. If you would like any further information, please contact the School Office tel: 01789 204517.
- **DOUAI ABBEY:** Monastic Experience Weekends. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk) tel: 0118971 5310
- **RECYCLE YOUR MOBILE PHONES AND INKJET CARTRIDGES FOR STRATFORD LIFE.** Over the last 6 years the parish has raised over £550 for Stratford Life just by recycling things we no longer need. Please donate your old mobile phones and inkjet cartridges (we no longer collect the large toner cartridges and ink tanks are not accepted) by placing them in the box at the back of church. Alternatively, phones and cartridges can be donated via St Gregory's School or take a Freepost envelope and send your inkjet cartridges (not mobile phones) to Recycle 4 charity by post.
- **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 [stgregorysb@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.
- **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](mailto:stgregorysua@btconnect.com)  
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