

## 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, Aubrey Dreyden, Gabrielle Edwardes, Patricia Elliot, Mary Foster, Barry Geedon, Maureen Harper, Brian Harrison, Anthony Hathaway, Mary Hedderman, Maureen Hunt, Andree Jones, 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, Don O'Donnell, Clare Throckmorton 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:** Mary Lamming, Jack Pacione, Margaret Kay, Maria Naldi, Anthony Donaghue.

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: Maria Carvajal.

### **Recent Collections.**

Weekend 21/22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. Loose: £ 679.61 Gift Aid: £ 561.83 Boxes: £ 95.76

APF World Mission Sunday £529.72

Thank you for your generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** next weekend, 4/5<sup>th</sup> November for Retired and Infirm Clergy.

Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank you.



### **Parish Priest:**

Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

### **Parish Office:**

Open Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday mornings

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<b>28/29<sup>th</sup> October, the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Ronald Bouverat (anniversary) P. Bouverat
	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Funeral of Mary Lamming</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>ALL SAINTS</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass in St. Gregory's School.</b>
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Mass of Remembrance.</b> Ralph Wretham (anniversary) (H. Dolce)
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>ALL SOULS</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Kathleen Wright (anniversary) (Mary Webb)
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Private Intention (A.A.)
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Sandi Bottone (RIP) The Bottone Family
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Mass of Remembrance.</b>
<b>4/5<sup>th</sup> November, the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Blessing of graves in Stratford Cemetery.</b>
	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Bernadette Snell (RIP) (Josie Scanlon & family)
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish
<b>Confessions: Saturdays 10.30-11.30am at St. Gregory's.</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shottery.</b>		
<b>28/29<sup>th</sup> October, the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Philip Gerard (RIP) & family (Caroline Wilks)
<b>4/5<sup>th</sup> November, the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Special intentions of Ellenbroek family. In remembrance of family and friends

**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.  
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- **ALL SAINTS** – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November is a Holy Day of Obligation.
- **INSTRUCTION FOR THOSE WISHING TO BECOME CATHOLICS.** Open meeting Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 6 -7pm. All welcome.
- **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? Contact Father Alex, or Doreen Morris on 01789 205511.
- **PARISH ACCOUNTS:** the committee minutes are at the back of the churches and on the website.
- **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** – Weds, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 6pm in the Parish room.
- **SVP:** Next meetings are 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are 13<sup>th</sup> November and 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.
- **C.W.L.** next meeting is Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November at 2.00pm in the Parish room.
- **C.W.L.** a grateful thank you to all who have supported the fundraising appeals throughout the year. As a result, we have sent £778.98 to the Stratford Eye and Cancer Hospital appeal and £197.00 to the Pope's Syrian Refugee Fund.
- **MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR OUR DEAD AND BLESSING OF GRAVES** on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> November the blessing of graves will be at Evesham Road Cemetery, Stratford-upon-Avon at 12 noon.
- **THE BIG BACON BREAKFAST BAP :** on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **EVANGELISATION TEAM.** Our next meeting for the Warwick Deanery parishes is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the upper Davenport Room, St Peter's Parish Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AE. It is hoped that each parish will be represented to help us share the Good News. Contact: Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)
- **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

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contacting Anne and Anthony Carus on 01789 269150. Previous concerts have always sold out ahead of the night.

- **FATIMA CENTENARY. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November** marks the end of the Centenary Year commemorating Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima in 1917. At St Peter's there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from **3pm to 4pm** followed by rosary and procession to the Parish Centre with the Fatima statue, it's new home. After prayers and hymns, we will finish with light refreshments. St Peter's is a pilgrimage church for the Birmingham archdiocese during the Fatima Centenary Year. St Peter Apostle Catholic Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE. For other information contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 Email: [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)
- **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.
- **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](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.
- **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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