

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 Coccozza, 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, Jocelyn Southall, Cynthia Thompson, Cristina Valentino, David & Frances Westcott, Suzie Weston Noel Wheatle, Margaret Young, Callie Barnett, and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes and known to us.

Anniversaries in January: Nancy Rostant, Martin Guerin, William Dempsey, Madeleine Walker, Liam Killian, Gerard McVeigh, Margaret Evans, John Tymens, Stefan Gruszeckyj, Michael Donovan, David Hennigan, Bronislawa Bachryj, Catherine Ryman, William Green, Frank Kenny, Marguerita Tyler, Antony Corr, Bridget Kiely, Jean Olejniczak, Nora Payne, Thomas O'Neill, Jennifer Snodgrass, Katherine Lakey, Barbara Bell, Clive Gunter, Wynne Pozzi, Harry Nicholls, Anna Moulder, Jean Olejniczak, Elise Dillon, Julie Pool, Fr. John Richardson.

Lately Dead: Andy Stenson.

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: Maureen Thompson & Nuala Crawley

Recent Collections.

Weekend 23/24th December 2017. Loose: £486.67 Gift Aid: £418.30 Boxes: £
Weekend 30/31st December 2017. Loose: £541.37 Gift Aid: £ 420.25 Boxes : £250.11
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.

6/7th January. The Epiphany of the Lord. (Year B)		
Saturday 6th	5.30 pm.	Mass. People of the Parish
Sunday 7th	11.15 am.	Mass. Charles McDevitt (RIP) (Bessey Family)
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
Monday 8th	9.30 am	Communion Service. (E.M. Peter Finkel)
Tuesday 9th	9.30 am.	Communion Service. (E.M. Diane Hunt)
Wednesday 10th	9.30 am.	Communion Service. (E.M. Edmund Blackie)
Thursday 11th	9.30 am.	Communion Service. (E.M. Terry Evans)
Friday 12th	9.30 pm	Communion Service. (E.M. Chris Danes)
13/14th January. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year B)		
Saturday 13th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Dennis Porwer (RIP) (Adams)
Sunday 14th	11.15 am	Mass. People of the Parish
NO Confessions Saturday 6th & 13th January		
Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.		
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Sunday 6th	9.30 am.	Mass. Steven John Lawrence (RIP) Mark Lawrence
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Sunday 7th	9.30 am.	Mass. Erskin twins (Special Blessing) (Mike Lowe)

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FATHER ALEX

wishes everyone a very Happy and holy Christmas and a blessed New Year. He thanks all who have worked so hard for the parish over the past year. Also, many thanks for all of your cards, gifts and Christmas offerings. They are greatly appreciated.

- **SVP Dates:** January 15th (none on 1st), February 5th & 19th, March 5th & 19th, April (none on 2nd) 16th
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.** On 21st January at Our Lady of Peace, after the end of Mass there will be a meeting with all the parents and children attending non-Catholic schools to talk about this year's catechism to prepare for 1st Holy Communion. For further information contact Giulia on 07717 327073 or giulia.tranquilli@gmail.com
- **CRIB OFFERINGS** will be given to The Children of Bethlehem charity again this year.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are 29th January & 26th February 2018. 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.
- **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 Worcester 20th Jan., Christ the King, Coventry 3rd Feb., Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford 24th Feb., Maryleale Institute Birmingham 24th March.
- **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.
- **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** daily prayer meetings in the Guild Chapel, at 12.30pm on 18th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th January.

- **ECCUMENICAL SUPPER,** 7pm. on Saturday 20th January at The Methodist Church Hall (opposite Holy Trinity). Tickets £5.
- **EVANGELISATION TEAM.** Our next meeting for the Warwick Deanery parishes is on Monday 8th January 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, especially as we start a New Year. Contact: Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk
- **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.
- **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 Shottery, 7.30pm. Why not put the dates in your 2018 diaries now!
- **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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