

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

Parish Priest:
Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

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Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday mornings



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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, Ann and Brian Weston, 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 Gruszeckj, 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: Bruce Richards.

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: The Budd Family

Recent Collections.

Weekend 14th January 2018. Loose: £470.62 Gift Aid: £551.38 Boxes: £103.20

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**

20/21st January. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year B)		
Saturday 20th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Norah Payne (anniversary) (Don Payne)
Sunday 21st	11.15 am.	Mass. David Purves (anniversary) (Patricia Purves)
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
Monday 22nd	9.30 am	Communion Service. (E.M. Peter Finkel)
Tuesday 23rd	9.30 am.	Communion Service. (E.M. Diane Hunt)
Wednesday 24th	9.30 am. 11.00am.	Communion Service. (E.M. Edmund Blackie) Funeral of Bruce Richards
Thursday 25th <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>	9.30 am.	Communion Service. (E.M. Terry Evans)
Friday 26th	9.30 am	Mass. Patricia Elliott (RIP)
27/28th January. Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year B)		
Saturday 27th	5.30 pm.	Mass. (anniversary) Wynne Pozzi (Nick Pozzi & Mary Steed)
Sunday 28th	11.15 am	Mass. People of the Parish
NO Confessions Saturday 20th January		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.		
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Sunday 21st	9.30 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
27/28th January. Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year B)		
Sunday 28th	9.30 am.	Mass. Michael More (anniversary) (A. More)

- **ALTAR SERVERS CLUB:** 24th January, 5pm -6pm.
- **SVP Dates:** 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** of £137.03 will be given to The Children of Bethlehem charity again this year. Thank you for your generosity.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are 29th January & 19th February (please note change of date), 19th March, 23rd April, & 21st May 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., Maryvale Institute Birmingham 24th March.
- **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.
- **PARISHIONERS CONTACT DETAILS FORM.** We need to keep our contact details for you up to date so please advise the Parish Secretary of any changes eg. email address, home address. They are useful for lost property, lift sharing, support, home visits etc. Forms are obtainable from the porch. Please complete a form either after mass and put it in the box provided in the porch, or return to the Parish Secretary / Parish office. Many thanks for your co-operation.
- **ST. GREGORY'S & OUR LADY OF PEACE** donate to the Stratford Food Bank and the Cyrenian Charity. Items should have a shelf life of at least 3 months and can be left in the box in the church porch. **THANKS** to all who have donated foods so generously.
- **ROSARIES:** any unwanted rosaries can be sent to the Catenian Rosary Group for the Aboriginals in Australia and Missions in the 3rd world African countries. We will continue to collect them at St Gregory's so please continue to leave them in the box in the porch for periodic forwarding.

- **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.
- **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!
- **MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES:** 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. Jackie on 0203 239 8662, email reservations@med-irishcentre.com, Jackie@med-irishcentre.com Website: www.med-irishcentre.com
- **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 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. 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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