

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

Parish Priest:
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Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday mornings



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Prayers for the Sick and Housebound: Cath Austin, Callie Barnett, 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, Jocelyn Southall, Cynthia Thompson, Cristina Valentino, Ann and Brian Weston, David & Frances Westcott, Suzie Weston, Noel Wheatle, Margaret Young, Dennis Walsh 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: Bruce Richards, Mary O'Boyle, Madeline McNally, Mel Roberts.

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: The Polish Group

Recent Collections.

Weekend 21st January 2018. Loose: £152.25 Gift Aid: £ 582.52 Boxes: £84.17
Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend for Pro-Life. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you

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

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27/28th January. Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year B)		
Saturday 27th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Wynne Pozzi (anniversary) (Nick Pozzi & Mary Steed)
Sunday 28th	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
Monday 29th	9.30 am	Communion Service.
Tuesday 30th	9.30 am.	Mass. Fr. Pat O'Sullivan (RIP)
Wednesday 31st	9.30 am.	Mass. Vincent Coleman (Thanksgiving for 91 st Birthday (Caroline Wilkes)
Thursday 1st	9.30 am.	Mass. Palmerino & Nello Valentino (anniversary) Cristina Valentino
	6.00 pm.	Service of Light. St. Gregory's school year 3
Friday 2nd <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	9.30 am	Mass. Margaret Kay (RIP) C.W.L.
3/4th February. Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year B)		
Saturday 3rd	5.30 pm.	Mass. People of the Parish
Sunday 4th	11.15 am	Mass. Witold Pozarycki (RIP) Maria
Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am.		
Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.		
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Sunday 28th	9.30 am.	Mass. Michael More (anniversary) (A. More)
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Sunday 4th	9.30 am.	Mass. Nicky Newland (anniversary) Peter Newland

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- **LIFE:** The annual Archdiocese of Birmingham collection for Life is on 4th February. The collection will enable Life to continue delivering its services to support women and their families with practical and emotional support through throughout their pregnancy with Counselling, housing, equipment and our helpline listening service. A short talk will be given at Masses and we thank you in advance for your continued support both practically and financially.
- **SVP Dates:** February 5th & 19th, March 5th & 19th, April (none on 2nd) 16th
- **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.
- **CWL'S A.G.M.** is on Wednesday, 7th February 2018, at 2p.m. in the parish room at 3p.m. We will welcome any parishioners who fancy a cuppa, cakes and company. Do come along. Who will eat our cakes else? Shall we bake in vain?
- **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 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.
- **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 PILGRIMAGES:** 7 night pilgrimage package departing from Birmingham. 29th May- 5th June & 7-14th October £589. For more information contact Kath Gambin Tel 0116 2340103
- **PARISH WHEELCHAIR:** The wheelchair is available for use at any of our services and events by any parishioner who needs it, to ease their journey from vehicle to pew or parish room. The wheelchair is kept by the font at the back of the church in the old Baptistery. Please return after use.
- **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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