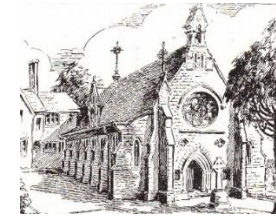


St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

Parish Priest:
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Prayers for the Sick and Housebound: 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 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, Dennis Walsh, Ann and Brian Weston, David & Frances Westcott, Suzie Weston, Noel Wheatle, Margaret Young, and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes and known to us.

Anniversaries in February : Bernadette Snell, John Mitchell, Phyllis Langstaff, Ennio Dionisi, Dominic Lavelle, Eileen O'Brien, Peter Davies, Vincent Murphy, Malcom Best, Emilia Trzaska, Jennifer Gurr, John McKay , Yvette Gittins, Joan Davies, Patricia Danes, Tony Carbonari, Jennifer Snodgrass, Andrew Jowett, Phylis Keenan, Barbara Bell, John Martyn, John Mitchell, Irene McWalter, Matilda Clayton-Wright, Margaret Gray, Terence Cosgrove, Martin Kelly.

Lately Dead: Michael Snell, Cath Austin (Fr. Alex's Mother)

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: Kath Elliott & Mo Lancaster.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 4th February 2018. Loose: £579.55 Gift Aid: £528.50 Boxes: £ 91.38
Pro-Life £838.98

Thank you for your generosity.

10/11th February. Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year B)		
Saturday 10th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Italo Castelli (anniversary) (Danielle Castelli)
Sunday 11th	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish Baptisms: Theo Truscott Isabella-Rose Quirke
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
Monday 12th	9.30 am	Communion Service.
Tuesday 13th	9.30 am.	Mass. Marianne Fraser (RIP) (Anne Kingland)
Wednesday 14th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	9.30 am. 7.00pm.	Mass and distribution of ashes in St. Gregory's Sch. Mass and distribution of ashes.
Thursday 15th	9.30 am. 2.30pm.	Communion Service Funeral of Michael Snell
Friday 16th	9.30 am.	Mass. Deceased members of McHugh family. (Mary, Matthew, Thomas Parkinson)
17/18th February. First Sunday of Lent. (Year B)		
Saturday 17th	5.30 pm.	Mass. John McKay RIP & family (Frances McKay)
Sunday 18th	11.15 am	Mass. Shelia De Reu (Maevae Holiday)
Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am.		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottery.		
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Sunday 10th	9.30 am.	Mass. CWL (rota Mass)
17/18th February. First Sunday of Lent. (Year B)		
Sunday 18th	9.30 am.	Mass. People of the Parish

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.

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CATH AUSTIN R.I.P. Please remember Fr. Alex's mother in your prayers. She died peacefully on Thursday.

- **NEXT ALTAR SERVERS CLUB** 14th February, 5pm – 6pm
- **SVP Dates:** February 19th, March 5th & 19th, April (none on 2nd) 16th
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are 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.
- **CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day** is on Friday 23rd February. Please use either your planned second collection envelope for the 25th February or a CAFOD envelope available in the church porch for your offering. Many thanks.
- **EUCHARIST & THE FAMILY** - two large events this 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 Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford 24th Feb., Maryvale Institute Birmingham 24th March.
- **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** 2nd March. The interdenominational movement of the Women's World Day of Prayer invites everyone to attend one of over 5,000 services being held with the title 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' We will join an estimated 3 million people around the world in a service which has been written this year by the women of Suriname in South America. It starts in Samoa as the sun rises and ends as the sun sets off the coast of American Samoa. This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it. The service in Stratford upon Avon this year is being held at The United Reformed Church, Rother Street on Friday, 2nd March at 2pm. All men, women and children are welcome to attend.
- **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.
- **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:** Thank you to those who have already offered their help. **We urgently need Marshalls** - 15 in total. So far we only have one from St Gregory's and two from other churches. See the

poster in the foyer for more information. Please ring the number provided or leave your contact details with the Parish Office. Many thanks.

- **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!
- **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.
- **CATHOLIC SINGLES** is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website / email them www.catholicsingles.org.uk or info@catholicsingles.org.uk
- **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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