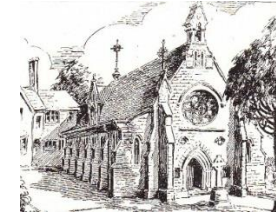


## St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

**Parish Office:**  
Open Tuesday,  
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& Friday mornings



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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, Christopher Browne, Catherine Browne, Sandra Fenn 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, Mary O'Boyle, Cath Austin (Fr. Alex's Mother), Sean Moore, John Palmer,

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: Hazel Hughes.

**Recent Collections.**

Weekend 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Loose: £570.18 Gift Aid: £581.83 Boxes: £ 99.01

Thank you for your generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 24/25<sup>th</sup> February for CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day. (please use a blank undated GA envelope from your GA envelope box)

**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.**

<b>17/18<sup>th</sup> February. First Sunday of Lent. (Year B)</b>		
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Deceased members of McHugh family. (Mary, Matthew, Thomas Parkinson)
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Shelia De Reu (Maeve Holiday)
	<b>1.00 pm.</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
	<b>4.30 pm.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Dennis Stanley (LD) (Marie & Brian)
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am.</b>	<b>Funeral of Mary O'Boyle</b>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>St. Peter the Apostle</i>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> David Hutchings Intentions. (Terry Evans)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>CAFOD Lent Fast Day</i>	<b>11.30 am.</b>	Marriage of Stephen Lowrie and Ellen Hicks
<b>24/25<sup>th</sup> February. Second Sunday of Lent. (Year B)</b>		
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Victor Burn (anniversary) (Philomena Burn) Baptisms of: Scarlett & Harriett Batchelor
<b>Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am.</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.</b>		
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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and Douai Abbey Parishes Trust.  
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- **CATH AUSTIN R.I.P.** Please remember Fr. Alex's mother in your prayers. She died peacefully on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.
- **ECUMMENICAL LENT COURSE:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7, 14, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm at St. Andrew's Church, Shottery (next to OLP) "Apocalypse Now".
- **SVP Dates:** February 19<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, April (none on 2<sup>nd</sup>) 16<sup>th</sup>
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are 19<sup>th</sup> February (please note change of date), 19<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, & 21<sup>st</sup> 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.
- **THE HOLY FATHER** announced that Friday 23 February – the Friday of the First Week of Lent – has been designated as a Day of Fasting and Prayer. The Apostolic Nuncio has asked all the Bishops to make this as widely known as possible so that all our local churches can participate in this Papal initiative. This date is also CAFOD Family Lent Fast Day and so the Holy Father's request could dovetail into this annual work, especially as CAFOD has projects in both the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.
- **CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day,** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Please use a blank undated GA envelope from your box of envelopes or a CAFOD envelope available in the church porch for your offering. Many thanks.
- **HOSPITAL LAY CHAPLAIN VOLUNTEER DAY,** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 1.30pm in the Lomas Suite at Stratford Hospital. See posters on church notice boards for more information or email: [chaplaincy@swft.nhs.uk](mailto:chaplaincy@swft.nhs.uk) tel 01926495321 ext.4121
- **EUCHARIST & THE FAMILY** - two large events this year in the life of the Church:
- The World Meeting of Families (21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Aug) and the Adoremus: Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress (7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Sept) 2018. For more information contact Paul Northam at [fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk) or Sr Gillian Murphy [parishesmv@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:parishesmv@maryvale.ac.uk) Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford 24<sup>th</sup> Feb., Maryvale Institute Birmingham 24<sup>th</sup> March.
- **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm. Men, women and children are welcome to attend.
- **PILGRIMS' WAY.** Our second meeting for anyone interesting in taking part in a walking pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela will be held on Friday 16 March at

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7pm in the parish room. Week one of the pilgrimage will start in Portugal and follow the pilgrims' route to the Spanish Boarder. Week two will follow the route from the Spanish boarder to Santiago. Some people will walk both weeks others will join at the boarder for the second week (during the Oct half term). For more details come to the meeting or ring Marina on 01789 731257

- **LENT LUNCH at OLP Shottery,** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 12.00 -2:3pm. Please come along and support. We will have a selection of delicious soups and cheeses. Adults £3:00, children £1.50. All profits donated to CAFOD. This year the government will be matching our donations Pound for Pound so don't miss out on this great opportunity to double the value of your donation and make a real difference. Donations of Cheese or your favourite home- made soup most welcome. Contact Betty on 01386 438932.
- **CAFOD.** In the light of recent news reports you may wish to know that CAFOD has issued a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities. Please see [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) A copy is on both church noticeboards.
- **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES,** 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **WALK OF WITNESS, Good Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **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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