

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,
Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday mornings



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Prayers for the Sick and Housebound: 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, 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 March : Leslie Kay, Charles Ramsey, Val Tryer, Adam Batten-Holtom, Ellen Mahon, Katarzyna Sieczka, Henry Yates, Czeslaw Chetnik, Catherine Whateley, Joan Dilworthy, Rozalia Zdanko, Jim Connor, Maureen Martyn, Raymond Jack, Thomas Armstrong, Fiona Collins, Ryszard Werbel, Kathleen Roper, Pat Petty, Mike Zygmunt, Francis Featherstone, Denise James, John Taylor, Jennifer Harrison, Lyliane Holtom, Maggie O'Gara, Jean Igoe, Mary Owen.

Lately Dead: Cath Austin (Fr. Alex's Mother), Mark Ashworth, Ted Cust.

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: Maria Carvajal.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 4th March 2018. Loose: £362.45 Gift Aid: £424.30 Boxes: £ 107.73
Cafod £959.59

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, 17/18th March for St. Vincent de Paul Society. (S.V.P. Society.) 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

10/11th March. Fourth Sunday of Lent. (Year B)		
Saturday 10th	5.30 pm.	Mass Jim Connor (10 th anniversary) (Anne & family)
Sunday 11th	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish.
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
	4.30 pm.	Stations of the Cross
Monday 12th	9.30 am	Communion Service.
Tuesday 13th	9.00 am.	Mass. Intentions of Agnes & Andrew Milne (Don Payne)
Wednesday 14th	9.30 am.	Mass. Ron Flaherty (RIP) (Paul Talbot)
Thursday 15th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Friday 16th	9.30 am.	Mass. Nora Payne (birthday anniversary) (Don Payne)
17/18th March. Fifth Sunday of Lent. (Year B)		
Saturday 17th <i>St. Patrick</i>	5.30 pm.	Mass. John McKay (RIP) & family (Frances McKay & Family)
Sunday 18th	11.15 am	Mass. People of the Parish. Baptism: Lola Nel Kostka
Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am.		
Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.		
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Sunday 10th	9.30 am.	Mass. Karl Stephen Oulton (RIP) (Carol Oulton)
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Sunday 18th	9.30 am.	Mass. Margurita Lowe (In loving memory) (Mike Lowe)

- **FR. ALEX THANKS** all of those who made such a special effort to attend his Mother's funeral last Friday and for so many kind words, cards, masses and prayers for his mother and the family. They are deeply appreciated and a great comfort
- **ST. PATRICK'S EVENING:** Saturday 17th March 6.30 - 9pm in St. Gregory's School. Tickets £5 per adult, children free. Music, dance and food. Please come and support this parish and school fun evening. Tickets on sale after masses from 24th February. We will need volunteers to help on the evening, a sign up list will be the porch.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend, 10/11th March for Cathedral Maintenance: the Diocese have asked for a repeat collection in case you were unable to donate last weekend because of the inclement weather.
- **GIFT AID TALK** at masses this weekend, 10/11th March, by Clive Hamilton, Gift Aid organiser for St. Gregory's parish.
- **ECUMMENICAL LENT COURSE:** Wednesday 14th, 21st March at 7.30pm at St. Andrew's Church, Shottery (next to OLP) "Apocalypse Now".
- **300 CLUB APPEAL** for new members at masses next weekend, 17/18th March
- **SVP Dates:** March 19th, April 16th (none on 2nd)
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are 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.
- **HOMELESS IN OUR TOWN.** Volunteers are needed for a satisfying role of preparing and serving hot soup, sandwiches, tea and coffee every Tuesday afternoon/early evening to the homeless of our town in St. Gregory's parish room. A list will be in St. Gregory's porch from which a rota will be made for the future. Further information from Edmund Blackie 01789 269041 and Maureen Thompson 01789 298678. Thank you in advance for sacrificing your time.
- **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 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 17th March 12.00 -2:30pm. 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

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Cheese or your favourite home- made soup most welcome. Contact Betty on 01386 438932.

- **LOST PROPERTY at OLP:** several items have been left for a while in the corridor at the back of the family room. Please check if they belong to you.
- **EARRING FOUND** in St. Gregory's Presbytery car park and now in Parish office.
- **WALK OF WITNESS** and marshal training: Good Friday March 30th 2018: Thank you to all those who have offered to help. The marshal's training will be on Thursday 15th March at 7pm in the parish room. Please confirm your attendance to judith06@virginmedia.com or to the Parish Office.
- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS RETREAT DAY.** Here are two opportunities for Eucharistic Ministers to fulfil their obligation to undertake an annual day of reflection:
 1. A parish run day on Sat 12 May at the House of the Open Door near Broadway. Starts at 10.30am and finishes around 4pm. Cost £20 and includes lunch. Shared lifts can be arranged. Book early as places limited. See Maureen Thompson at Mass, phone 298678 or email maureen.thompson@tsix.co.uk to put your name down.
 2. A day of reflection for Eucharistic ministers at Belmont Abbey near Hereford HR2 9RZ on Sat 2 June 10am – 4pm, led by Dom Matthew Carney. No need to book just turn up, bring your own lunch. Suggested donation £10
- **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.
- **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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