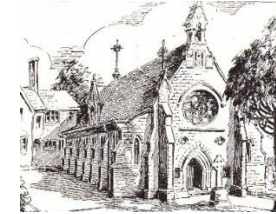


## St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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 Wescott, 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:** Ted Cust, Frances Westcott.

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: Maureen Thompson & Nuala Crawley.

### **Recent Collections.**

Weekend 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Loose: £615.87 Gift Aid: £758.49 Boxes: £ 104.99

Cathedral Maintenance £ 598.06.

Thank you for your generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend, 17/18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 24/25<sup>th</sup> March for Flowers for the Churches and 30<sup>th</sup> March for Holy Places. 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

<b>17/18<sup>th</sup> March. Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)</b>		
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St. Patrick</i>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> John McKay (RIP) & family (Frances McKay & Family)
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish. Baptism: Lola Nel Kostka
	<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> <i>St. Joseph</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Deceased members of McHugh family (LB)
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <i>Passing of St. Benedict</i>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> John Kerslake (LD) (P. Richardson)
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Sandi Bottoni (RIP) (Sue Aberto)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Thanksgiving (Terry Evans)
<b>24/25<sup>th</sup> March. Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)</b>		
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Nuala Crawley (Thanksgiving from St. Greg's School parents).
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish.
<b>Holy Week Confessions, Saturday 11am – 2.00pm.</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.</b>		
<b>17/18<sup>th</sup> March. Fifth Sunday of Lent. (Year B)</b>		
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Margurita Lowe (In loving memory) (Mike Lowe)
<b>24/25<sup>th</sup> March. Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)</b>		
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Betty Park (LD) (Carus)

## EASTER TRIDUUM

Weds. 28<sup>th</sup> April: Chrism Mass, 11.30am St. Chad's Cathedral.

Maundy Thursday: 8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday: 10.30am. Walk of Witness  
3.00pm. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion.  
7.00pm. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 8.00pm. The Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday: 9.30am. Family Mass at Our Lady of Peace  
11.15am. Solemn High Mass at St. Gregory's.

- **ST. PATRICK'S EVENING:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> February. We will need volunteers to help on the evening, a sign-up list will be the porch.
- **HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS.** Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 11am – 2.00pm.  
11.00 am -12.00pm, Fr. Alex  
12.00pm – 1.00pm, Canon Stewart  
1.00pm- 2.00pm, Fr. David Bazen
- **EASTER TRIDUUM:** helpers needed please. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, watchers, feet to be washed (Maundy Thursday). Please sign rota(s) in St. Gregory's porch.
- **ECUMMENICAL LENT COURSE:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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, 17/18<sup>th</sup> March
- **SVP Dates:** March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup> (none on 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are 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.
- **HOMELESS IN OUR TOWN.** Hot soup, sandwiches, tea and coffee are served every Tuesday afternoon/early evening to the homeless of our town in St. Gregory's parish room. Further information from Edmund Blackie 01789 269041

and Maureen Thompson 01789 298678. Thank you to those who have volunteered their time.

- **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.
- **WALK OF WITNESS** and marshal training: Good Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2018: Thank you to all those who have offered to help.
- **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](mailto: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,** 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.
- **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 [stgregorysb@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.