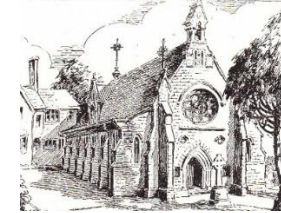


## St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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:** 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, 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:** Mary O'Boyle, Cath Austin (Fr. Alex's Mother), Sean Moore, John Palmer,

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: Dorothy Laurens and Anne Connor.

### Recent Collections.

Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Loose: £487.44 Gift Aid: £553.43 Boxes: £ 131.40  
Thank you for your generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION** this 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)

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 3/4<sup>th</sup> March for Cathedral Maintenance. 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>24/25<sup>th</sup> February. Second Sunday of Lent.</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>1.00 pm.</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
	<b>4.30 pm.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b> (E.M. Theresa Finkel)
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b> (E.M. Diane Hunt)
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b> (E.M. Edmund Blackie)
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b> <i>St. David</i>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	Holy Souls (Cristina Valentino)
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11.30 am.</b>	Funeral of Cath Austin
<b>3/4<sup>th</sup> March. Third Sunday of Lent. (Year B)</b>		
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Johnny de Moulder (RIP) (Frances McKay & Family)
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish.
<b>Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am.</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.</b>		
<b>24/25<sup>th</sup> February. Second Sunday of Lent. (Year B)</b>		
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Terry Cosgrove (anniversary) (Margaret Cosgrove)
<b>3/4<sup>th</sup> March. Third Sunday of Lent. (Year B)</b>		
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Yichae & Andreas Special Intentions (Mary Davies)

- **CATH AUSTIN R.I.P.** Please remember Fr. Alex's mother in your prayers. She died peacefully on 8<sup>th</sup> February. Funeral: 11.30am Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at St. Gregory's.
- **ST. PATRICK'S EVENING:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 - 9pm. 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. Thank you.
- **ECUMMENICAL LENT COURSE:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm at St. Andrew's Church, Shottonery (next to OLP) "Apocalypse Now".
- **SVP Dates:** 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> 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.
- **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](mailto:fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk) or Sr Gillian Murphy [parishesmv@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:parishesmv@maryvale.ac.uk) 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, 2nd March at 2pm. Men, women and children are welcome to attend.
- **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. It will start Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 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 Shottonery,** 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **FOODBANK:** Stratford foodbank are very short of the following items and would appreciate donations of the following: Coffee (especially small jars), fruit juice (in long life cartons) and toilet rolls. They are very grateful for your continuing support.
- **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.