

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

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Wednesday, Thursday
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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, Maciej Grudzinski, 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: Frances Westcott.

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: Paddy Harvey.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 18th March 2018. Loose: £308.48 Gift Aid: £439.14 Boxes: £ 108.37
S.V.P. £ 1,179.02.

Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend, 24/25th March for Flowers for the Churches and 30th 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**

24/25th March. Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)		
Saturday 24th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Nuala Crawley (Thanksgiving from St. Greg's School parents).
Sunday 25th	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
	4.30 pm.	Stations of the Cross
Monday 26th	9.30 am	Communion Service.
Tuesday 27th	9.00 am.	Mass. Deceased members of Sheelan family.
Wednesday 28th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Thursday 29th	8.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper. Procession and watching at the Altar of Repose. Norma Coleman (RIP) Caroline Wilks
Friday 30th	10.30 am. 3.00pm. 7.00pm	Walk of Witness. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion. Stations of the Cross.
31st / 1st April. Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Year B)		
Saturday 31st	8.00 pm.	The Easter Vigil. Martin & Madge McKay (RIP) Frances McKay
Sunday 1st	11.15 am	Solemn High Mass. People of the Parish
Confessions, Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am.		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.		
24/25th March. Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)		
Sunday 25th	9.30 am.	Mass. Betty Park (LD) (Carus)
31st / 1st April. Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Year B)		
Sunday 1st	9.30 am.	Mass. James & Florence Saunders (RIP) Dorothy Laurens.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Weds. 28th 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.

- **WALK OF WITNESS:** Good Friday March 30th 2018.
- **EASTER TRIDUUM:** helpers needed please. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, watchers, feet to be washed (Maundy Thursday). Please sign rota(s) in St. Gregory's porch.
- **GIFT AID** boxes for 2018/19 can be collected from both churches this weekend.
- **NEXT ALTAR SERVERS CLUB** 28th March, 5pm – 6pm
- **PARISH POST EASTER WALK.** Join us for a walk on Friday 6th April, meeting in the car park at The Bell Inn, Clifford Chambers at 10am. We will walk on country footpaths and farm tracks covering about 5 or so before a pub lunch in Welford and a 3 mile return walk to Clifford Chambers (or you could cadge a lift!) All welcome. See Marina, Chris D, Peter Finkle or Maureen T for more details or ring 731257 (note change of date)
- **SVP Dates:** April 16th (none on 2nd)
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are 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.** Thank you to all who have sacrificed their time to make Tuesday evenings successful and rewarding. Rotas are in each church porch. To receive by email, please contact the parish office supplying an up to date email address. Further information from Edmund Blackie 01789 269041 and Maureen Thompson 01789 298678.
- **C.W.L.** All parishioners are warmly invited to a short talk given by Gabby Allison speaking about her recent trip to El Salvador, homeland of Bishop Oscar Romero. Do come along at 2.20 p.m. on Wednesday, 4th April to the Parish Hall. Free refreshments will be served.

- **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.
- **LENT LUNCH OLP** held on 17th March. Many thanks to all who contributed in whatever way to the success of this event which raised £250.00 for C.A.F.O.D. We had a lot of fun, and a lot of soup.
- **ST. JOSEPH'S HOME, COLESHILL** offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting. Respite bedrooms are also available for those who could benefit from a short stay. For more information please call 01675 434500 for an informal chat or to arrange a visit.
- **L.P.S. PARISH 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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