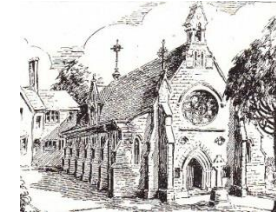


## St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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, 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, Mary Mullett, James McHugh, and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes and known to us.

**Anniversaries in April :** John Corvin, Nesta Barnacle, William Lees, Bridget Nield, Shelia Fryer, Doris Horgan, Alexander Chapman, Rachel Bird, Kenneth Whateley, Emma Hartnell, Brian Wilson, Catherine Swinnerton, Amy Finch, Rodger Wade, Vicki Crowton, Aniello Valentino, Kam Fung Lee, Sandi Bottone, Mary Bryan, Norma Coleman, Patricia Elliott.

**Lately Dead:** Frances Westcott, Maureen McNally.

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: Margaret Bright

**Recent Collections.**

Weekend 24/25<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Loose: £742.91 Gift Aid: £664.11 Boxes: £ 92.78

Flowers for the Churches £499.78

Thank you for your generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION** 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>31<sup>st</sup> / 1<sup>st</sup> April. Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Year B)</b>		
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8.00 pm.</b>	<b>Easter Vigil.</b> Martin & Madge McKay (RIP) (Frances McKay)
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish
	<b>1.00 pm.</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
	<b>4.30 pm.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 pm.</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>7/8<sup>th</sup> April. Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)</b>		
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1.00 pm. 5.30 pm.</b>	<b>Marriage</b> of Elliot Watson & Jessica Nallen <b>Mass.</b> Dermot Devlin (RIP) & Nora Devlin. (Frances McKay)
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish Baptism: Darcey May Brash.
<b>NO Confessions, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April.</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.</b>		
<b>31<sup>st</sup> / 1<sup>st</sup> April. Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Year B)</b>		
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> James & Florence Saunders (RIP) (Dorothy Laurens.)
<b>7/8<sup>th</sup> April. Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)</b>		
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Vincent Murphy (anniversary) (Margaret Murphy)

- **HAPPY EASTER.** A very happy Easter to all our parishioners. May the joy of the risen Lord fill all of our lives.
- **GIFT AID** boxes for 2018/19 can be collected from both churches this weekend.
- **PARISH POST EASTER WALK.** Join us for a walk on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> (none on 2<sup>nd</sup>), 21<sup>st</sup> May,
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are 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.** 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.
- **DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL.** Divine Mercy Devotions, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, are from 3pm to 4pm in St Peter Apostle Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE. For parking please use St Peter's multi storey car park.
- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS RETREAT DAY.** Here are two opportunities for Eucharistic Minsters 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.
  - **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.
  - **MISSION RED BOXES** plus annual payments. Our final figure for 2017 was a wonderful £3665.19. Sincere thanks to everyone and to the promoters for all of their hard work.
  - **COULD YOU HOST** 2-4 European students for 4 nights in April from 8-12<sup>th</sup> April and 22-25<sup>th</sup> April or 23-27<sup>th</sup> April. Please contact Yichae Doh on 07949 416801 or email [admin@stratfordhostfamilies.com](mailto:admin@stratfordhostfamilies.com)
  - **ST. GREGORY'S & OUR LADY OF PEACE** donate to the Stratford Food Bank. Items should have a shelf life of at least 3 months and can be left in the box in the church porch(s). **THANKS** to all who have donated foods so generously.
  - **PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND.** Please take a few minutes to read this and if you know of someone who you feel should be added to or taken off this list on the weekly bulletin, please advise the Parish office. We depend on you to keep us informed of changes.
  - **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](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.