

## 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, Mary Murphy, 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:** Maureen McNally, Christine Grace

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: Kath Elliott & Mo Lancaster

### **Recent Collections.**

Weekend 14/15<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Loose: £ 559.57 Gift Aid: £ 460.98 Boxes: £103.13  
Thank you for your generosity.

<b>21/22<sup>nd</sup> April. Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)</b>		
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <i>St. Anselm</i>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	Mass. Jack & Tess Gallagher (RIP) & family Frances McKay & family.
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	Mass. Joan Davies (anniversary) (Catheryn Nash)
	<b>1.00 pm.</b>	Polish Mass
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>St. George</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Communion Service.
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	Mass. Mary Bryan (RIP anniversary) Doreen Morris)
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St. Mark</i>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	Mass. Deceased friends of S.V.P.
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	Mass. School years 6 & 3 in church. John McKay & family (RIP) Frances McKay
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00 pm.</b>	Mass for the bereaved, lately dead & anniversaries in April
<b>28/29<sup>th</sup> April. Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)</b>		
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	Mass. Jack & Tess Gallagher (RIP) (Frances McKay & family)
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	Mass. People of the Parish
<b>Confessions: Saturdays 10.30 – 11.30 am</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shottery.</b>		
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**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.  
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- **SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend, 21/22<sup>nd</sup> April for Clergy Training Fund. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **THE 22<sup>nd</sup> OF APRIL IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY** when Our Lord asks us to "Pray to the Lord Of The Harvest to send us labourers". At this time in our country we are experiencing a significant shortage of vocations. Could you set some time aside to say prayers for vocations - say a rosary, visit the Blessed Sacrament, or even make a novena..... Our prayers are always answered.
- **WELCOME TO Fr. BILL WILTON** who has retired to Stratford from St. Joseph's, Banbury and who formerly ran Soli House, S/A. It's great to have him here with us.
- **LUNCH CLUB MEETING ON 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL IS CANCELLED** as the car park at OLP is being re-surfaced. Many apologies. The next meeting dates is 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.
- **MASS FOR THE BEREAVED** - All are welcome to celebrate Mass Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at St Gregory's Church with those parishioners who have been bereaved or have experienced loss. Volunteers are needed to make this a special occasion, readers, musicians, servers and help with refreshments. There will be a signup sheet in the Church porch.
- **SHARE THE JOURNEY.** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April. A walk responding to the refugee crisis at 10.00am starting in Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham and visiting several places of worship on walk. At 1.00pm a time of prayer in Birmingham city centre. Archbishop Bernard Longley will accompany the walk. Please come prepared for any weather!
- **HOSANNA HOUSE AND CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TRUST:** an invitation to all parishioners and friends to come to an inspiring presentation given by some of the team who work for HOSANNA HOUSE AND CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TRUST (HCPT for short.) whose HQ is in Rugby. They have many heart-warming stories to tell of their work with disabled and disadvantaged children and adults. They have recently returned from their Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes and will, relate more uplifting tales of lives transformed and enriched by the experience. HCPT are known all over the world, so why are they coming to Stratford? The fact is that few people in the Midlands have ever heard about them so they want to spread awareness of the life-changing work they do and encourage us to talk about them to others, thus spreading the message of hope and cheerful practical help that HCPT provide to those in most need: i.e. the vulnerable, the disabled and the disadvantaged. Perhaps you know someone who might benefit from the HCPT. Please come along to the Parish Room at St. Gregory's Church,

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CV37 6UJ on Thursday afternoon, 10<sup>th</sup> May, at 2 o'clock. Bring a friend and walk away with a smile-----guaranteed.

- **EUCHARISTIC 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
- **NEXT ALTAR SERVERS CLUB** on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 5pm – 6pm.
- **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE:** the next course will be held on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am in the Parish room. This is for parents who are thinking of having their children baptised, or for those who missed previously held courses and whose children have already been recently baptised.
- **SVP Dates:** 21<sup>st</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September.
- **GIFT AID** boxes for 2018/19 can be collected from both churches.
- **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.
- **NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE** to found at: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)
- **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.
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