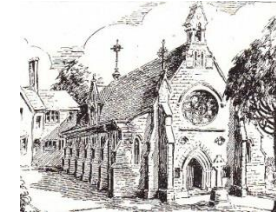


St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

Parish Priest:
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Prayers for the Sick and Housebound: Mary Barratt, Roy Baylis, Silver Beckham Bazira, Christopher Browne, Catherine Browne, Margaret Bullen, Vincent Coleman, Sophie Connor, Louise Cooke, Gladys Cuscito, Carol Denny, Gary Denstone, Roy Donnelly, Aubrey Dreyden, Gabrielle Edwardes, Patricia Elliot, Sandra Fenn, Mary Foster, Barry Geedon, Maciej Grudzinski, Maureen Harper, Brian Harrison, Anthony Hathaway, Maureen Hunt, Adelina Coccozza, Bill Johnson, Anne Kingland, Mike Lowe, Mildred Madden, Tom Mahon, Ted Martyn, James McHugh, Dominic Momcilovic, Mary Mullett, Mary Murphy, 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, David Wescott, Suzie Weston, Noel Wheatle, Margaret Young, 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.

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. On Thursday, 17th May you are welcome to join us at Cox's Yard 10.30- 11.30am for refreshments.

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: Bridie Guerney & Patti Crockett.

Recent Collections.

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

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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28/29th April. Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)		
Saturday 28th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Jack & Tess Gallagher (RIP) & family Frances McKay & family.
Sunday 29th	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
Monday 30th	9.30 am	Communion Service.
Tuesday 1st	9.30 am.	Mass. Cath Austin (RIP) C.W.L.
Wednesday 2nd <i>St. Athanasius</i>	9.30 am.	Mass. Nan Sheelan (anniversary)
Thursday 3rd <i>SS Philip & James</i>	9.30 am.	Mass. School years 5 & 2 in church. Michael Alford (anniversary) (Mary Alford)
Friday 4th <i>All Martyrs of England & Wales</i>	9.30 am.	Mass. Bernadette Denny (RIP)
5/6th May. Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)		
Saturday 5th	12.30 pm	Marriage of Neil Truscott & Tana Blatcher
	5.30 pm.	Mass. People of the Parish.
Sunday 6th	11.15 am.	Mass. Mary Hill (LD, RIP) (Doreen Morris) Baptism: Sebastian James Coram Smith
Confessions: Saturdays 10.30 – 11.30 am		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.		
28/29th April. Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)		
Sunday 28th	9.30 am.	Mass. Norma Coleman (RIP 5 th anniversary) (Caroline Wilkes)
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Sunday 6th	9.30 am.	Mass. Terry Cosgrove (Birthday memories) Margaret Cosgrove

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- **ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS RAISING SESSION.** For everyone who works with or is interested in children and vulnerable adults as part of Parish life at both Our Lady & St. Benedict, Wootton Waven & St. Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon. To be held at St. Mary's School, Arden Road, Henley in Arden on Monday 30th April, 2018, 7.00 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. All are very welcome! An opportunity to find out about new developments and to ask questions. For more information please contact: Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or Email: cpo@rc-birmingham.org
- **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.
- **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE:** will now be held on Saturday, 26th May at 11.00am in the Parish room (*please note the change of date and time from last week's bulletin for the next course.*) 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.
- **LUNCH CLUB MEETING.** The next meeting dates is 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.
- **HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** The Bishops Conference of England and Wales has decreed that from 2018 the Solemnities of the Epiphany and the Ascension will again be kept on the appropriate weekdays and not transferred to the following Sunday. Keeping special feasts in the week is an important witness that our faith is not just a "Sunday affair". The Ascension will be kept on Thursday 10th May.
- **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. Perhaps you know someone who might benefit from the HCPT. Please come along to the Parish Room at St. Gregory's Church, CV37 6UJ on Thursday afternoon, 10th May, at 2 o'clock. Bring a friend and walk away with a smile-----guaranteed.
POLAND AND SHAKESPEARE. Celebrating Kochanowski, Shakespeare and the enduring Polish links with Stratford. Saturday 28 April 2018 at The Shakespeare Centre, Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6QW. 7pm - 9.30pm. An evening of literature, dance and music. A talk on two literary giants of

Renaissance Europe will set the scene, whilst a display of archive items will illustrate longstanding Polish links with Shakespeare and Stratford.

Tickets: Adults £5, Concession & Friends £4

- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS RETREAT DAY.** Saturday 12th May, 10.30am till 4pm., at the House of the Open Door near Broadway. 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.
- **NEXT ALTAR SERVERS CLUB** on 16th May, 5pm – 6pm.
- **SVP Dates:** 21st May, 4th & 18th June, 2nd & 16th July, 10th & 24th September.
- **GIFT AID** boxes for 2018/19 remaining boxes to be collected from both churches
- **ST. JOSEPH'S RESIDENTIAL HOME, COLESHILL** has vacancies and offers residential care to older people and also 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 Fr. Hudson's Care on 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.
- **NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE** to found at: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk
- **WARWICK DEANERY WEBSITE:** this can now be found at www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk
- **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.
- **PARISH OFFICE:** The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings. Telephone 01789 292439. Please note: Monday is Fr. Alex's day off.