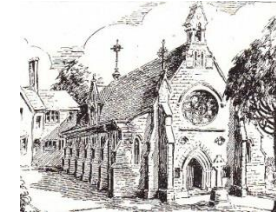


St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

Parish Priest:
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Parish Office:
Open Tuesday,
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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, Tony Jones, and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes and known to us.

Anniversaries in May: Joyce Emtage, Renata Graham, Mary Bellamy, James Emmerson, Ruth Mulligan, Bernard Finch, Susannah Harris, Ena Rutherford, Alice McGarr, Edith Yates, John Harper, Hamish Nicol, Sarah Dowd, Ranelagh Woodhouse, Geraldine Jackson, John Thompson, John Joyce.

Lately Dead: Christine Grace.

MEETING FOR THE BEREAVED: parishioners can contact a member of the team on 07592572978 or email stgregorysbt@gmail.com. or complete a form available in the church porch.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM: invite you to join them **on Thursday, 17th May** at Cox's Yard, 10.30 - 11.30am for refreshments.

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

Recent Collections.

Weekend 28/29th April 2018. Loose: £ 540.40 Gift Aid: £ 599.95 Boxes: £92.38
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.
Registered Charity Number 1063237

5/6th May. Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)		
Saturday 5th	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
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
Monday 7th	9.30 am	Communion Service.
Tuesday 8th	9.30 am.	Mass. Jean Bateman (RIP) (Gerald Buckle)
Wednesday 9th	9.30 am.	Mass. Bridget Cziok (anniversary) Jayne Cziok
Thursday 10th <u>The Ascension</u>	9.30 am.	Mass. School years 1,4 & R in church. Bill & David Cassidy (RIP) (Barbara Cassidy)
	7.00pm	Mass. Private Intention (AA)
Friday 11th	9.30 am.	Mass. David Greenwood (RIP) & family (Frances McKay)
12/13th May. Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)		
Saturday 12th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Timothy Martin (anniversary) (Kay Martin)
Sunday 13th	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
Confessions: Saturdays 10.30 – 11.30 am		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.		
5/6th May. Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)		
Sunday 6th	9.30 am.	Mass. Terry Cosgrove (Birthday memories) Margaret Cosgrove
12/13th May. Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)		
Sunday 13th	9.30 am.	Mass. Max Radvan (RIP) (Jane Chamberlain)

- **THE ASCENSION**, Thursday 10th is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are obliged to celebrate the feast day at mass.
- **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 on Thursday 10th May.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 12/13th May for Catholic Communications. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory’s R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **MAY ROSARY.** During the month of May, THE MONTH OF OUR LADY, the rosary will be said after weekday masses.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** parents meeting on 15th May at 6pm in St. Gregory’s School.
- **NEXT ALTAR SERVERS CLUB** on 16th May, 5pm – 6pm.
- **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.
- **SVP Dates:** 21st May, 4th & 18th June, 2nd & 16th July, 10th & 24th September.
- **THE BEREAVEMENT TEAM** wish to say Thank You to those parishioners who came to pray and offered support to those who are bereaved in our parish at mass last Friday.
- **PRAYER DAYS FOR VOCATIONS – WARWICK DEANERY.** Please attend these forthcoming Eucharistic Adoration Days for Vocations in our deanery if you can. Friday - 01/06/2018 - Adoration Day for Vocations - St Peter’s, Leamington Thursday - 07/06/2018 - Adoration Day for Vocations - Our Lady, Lillington Sunday - 10/06/2018 - Adoration Day for Vocations - St Mary’s, Warwick. Sunday – 24/6/2018 – Adoration Day for Vocations - St Charles Borromeo, Hampton-on-the-Hill.
- **ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS, 7-9 SEPTEMBER 2018**, over 200 people from our Archdiocese are booked to attend the Eucharistic Congress, *Adoremus* in September. Tickets are still available for the Saturday when the focus will be the meaning and power of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please visit the diocesan website www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk for the full programme and a booking form for the Saturday.
- **FATIMA ANNIVERSARY - SUNDAY 13TH MAY.** You are invited to a special hour of prayer and devotions at St Peter’s church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AE from 3pm to 4pm to pray for World peace. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Contact: Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk
- **EVANGELISATION TEAM.** Our next meeting for the Warwick Deanery parishes is on **Monday 14th May** at 7.30pm in the upper Davenport Room, St Peter’s Parish Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AE. It is hoped that each parish will be represented to help us share the Good News. Contact: Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk
- **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.

