

## 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:** Sophie Connor, Vincent Coleman, Patricia Elliott, Mary Foster, Maureen Harper, Maureen Hunt, Phil Kendrick, Nora Low, Mildred Madden, Ted Martyn, Mary Murphy, Margaret Somers, John Somers and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes, own homes and known to us.

Personal consent is now needed for inclusion on this list. Please complete a form from the church notice boards and return to Parish office or contact the Parish office if you would be happy for your name to appear on it. GDPR 2018 (General Data Protection Regulations 2018)

**Anniversaries in July:** Maria Saunders, Helen Kerr, Czeslaw Wasilewski, Edith Hopkins, Rose Ann Cavanagh, Christopher Warner, Edna Lidzy, Eileen Martin, Colin Mackay, William Saunders, Peter Drayer, Giannella Naldi, Kazimiera Chojnacka, Walter Twomey, Maria Peake, Marjorie Youatt, Violet Crickett, Terry Jones, David Crisologo.

**Lately Dead:** Tim McGarry, Peggy Carus.

**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.

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: P. Hobbs.

### Recent Collections.

Weekend 14/15<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Loose: £562.66    Gift Aid: £472.40    Boxes: £91.41

Thank you for your generosity.

**VISITORS.** You are very welcome. Please make sure you introduce yourselves and sign the visitors book at the back of the church.

**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

[www.stgregorys-stratford.org](http://www.stgregorys-stratford.org)

| <b>21/22<sup>nd</sup> July. 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year B)</b> |                  |  |
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| <b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>   | <b>5.30 pm.</b>  | <b>Mass.</b> Eric Richards (RIP) & family (Frances McKay)  |
| <b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>   | <b>11.15 am.</b> | <b>Mass.</b> Rita Falconer (anniversary) (The Irving Family)   |
|   | <b>1.00 pm.</b>  | <b>Polish Mass</b>   |
| <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b><br><i>St. Bridget of Sweden</i>                     | <b>9.30 am</b>   | <b>Communion Service.</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>9.30 am</b>   | <b>Mass.</b> Intentions of Derek, Shelia and John.   |
| <b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>St. James</i>                              | <b>9.30 am</b>   | <b>Mass.</b> Barbara Goldstone (P. Richardson)   |
| <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Ss. Joachim &amp; Anne</i>                  | <b>9.30 am.</b>  | <b>Mass.</b> Blessings on baby Ronan.<br>(St. Gregory's Musicians)   |
| <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>9.30 am.</b>  | <b>Mass.</b> Mass for the lately dead and those whose anniversaries have occurred in in the last 3 months. |
| <b>28/29<sup>th</sup> July. 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year B)</b> |                  |  |
| <b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>12.30 pm.</b> | Marriage of Mark Woods and Kate O'Leary.   |
|   | <b>5.30 pm.</b>  | <b>Mass.</b> The Cziok family (Jayne Cziok)  |
| <b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>11.15 am.</b> | <b>Mass.</b> Iwona and Richard (Thanksgiving)  |
| <b>Confessions: Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am.</b>                                     |                  |  |
| <b>Our Lady of Peace, Shottery.</b>   |                  |  |
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- **START OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PICNIC** after Our Lady of Peace 9.30 family Mass: Tea and coffee served after mass every week. Please join us on Sunday 22nd July, at the start of the Summer break- please bring cakes etc. to share, picnic on the grass (weather permitting!)
- **STRAWBERRY TEA:** You are warmly invited to come to our annual Strawberry Tea, which we hope will take place in the Parish Room at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018. This year our charity is to help the little - known Myotonic Dystrophy Fund. Tickets cost £3. Do come along and sample our delicious strawberries and homemade scones and cakes.
- **CONFESSIONS:** there are no Saturday confessions in August.
- **SVP Dates:** 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September.
- **LUNCH CLUB MEETING.** The next meeting date is 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018. There is no meeting in August. 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.
- **THE ROSARY** will be said after each Tuesday morning mass for peace in the Middle East.
- **CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS:** copies of "The Universe" and "Catholic Times" are available for a small donation from the church porches.
- **PARISH SICK VISITING.** Betty Fleetwood is completing pastoral care of the sick training at Maryvale. Fr. Alex has asked her to co-ordinate sick visiting to supplement the work of the Eucharistic Ministers.
- **A YEAR FOR PRIESTS 2018-2019.** On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart 2018, there began a year of thanksgiving, prayer and celebration for the priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. This is to prepare for a national celebration of priesthood to coincide with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart in Westminster Cathedral in 2019. We are all invited to share in prayer and reflection on the meaning and importance of the priesthood in the life of the church and to encourage vocations to the church.
- **"A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS":** Please take a leaflet from the churches.
- **ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, 7-9 SEPTEMBER 2018.** parishioners from the parish will be attending. 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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) for the full programme and a booking form for the Saturday.
- **MARY'S MEALS.** Mary's Meals provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day. Mary's Meals reaches out to people of all

faiths and of none. It costs just £13.90 to feed a child for a whole school year, so even the smallest amounts can have a huge impact. Donate online at [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

- **STRATFORD FOOD BANK SHORTAGES:** donations of small sizes of: washing up liquid, washing powder, loo rolls, coffee (small jars), tea, tinned veg, fruit and meats, instant mash, UHT fruit juices, desserts (rice pudding, custard, sponge puds,) pasta, biscuits, baby food / formula and toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant.) Please place your donations in boxes in church porches. All donations most gratefully received.
- **FIND MASS TIMES WHEN ON HOLIDAY:** "Mass Times" ministry website can help Catholics get to Mass by helping them find churches and worship times worldwide. It hosts and shares the most comprehensive database of Catholic churches and worship times in existence. Dioceses, parishes, and many volunteers help keep the database current. It can be difficult for Catholics to find a right diocesan or parish websites for Mass when travelling or when it is not practical to attend their regular parishes. "Mass Times" makes it much easier to search for a Mass by presenting all the possibilities in a geographical area on one page. ([www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org))
- **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)
- **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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