

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

Parish Priest:
Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)



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Wednesday, Thursday
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Prayers for the Sick and Housebound: Mary Barratt, Dennis Barratt, Sophie Connor, Vincent Coleman, Patricia Elliott, Mary Foster, Ann Kingland, Maureen Harper, Maureen Hunt, Phil Kendrick, Mildred Madden, Ted Martyn, Mary Murphy, Margaret Somers, John Somers, Mena Burn, Christina Valentino, Brian Harrison, Ann Kingland, Tony Jones, 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 August: Barbara Masslen, John Purves, Mary Young, Pauline Lees, Kathleen Kilbride, Sheela Burchill, Maria Fowler, Anne Dyke, Clarice Leary, Kay Finch, Frederick Tew, Stuart Cooke, John Leeson, Majorie Terrall, Peter Holiday.

Lately Dead: Tim McGarry, Peggy Carus, Michael Mealey, Nora Low.

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.

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: M. Thompson & N. Crawley.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 28/29th July 2018. Loose: £449.80 Gift Aid: £507.10 Boxes: £191.15
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

4/5th August. 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year B)		
Saturday 4th <i>St. John Vianney</i>	5.30 pm.	Mass. Henry Cziok (anniversary) (Jayne Cziok)
Sunday 5th	11.15 am.	Mass. J.J. Noonan (RIP) (Noonan family) Baptisms of: Isabella-Rose Quirke Matthew Jack Cheshire
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
Monday 6th <i>The Transfiguration of The Lord</i>	9.30 am	Communion Service.
Tuesday 7th	9.30 am	Mass. The Connell Family (anniversary) (Jayne Cziok)
Wednesday 8th <i>St. Dominic</i>	9.30 am	Mass. Michael Powell & family (Frances McKay)
Thursday 9th <i>St. Teresa Benedicta</i>	9.30 am.	Mass. Tommy Coyle (LD) (Kathleen Sadreddini)
Friday 10th <i>St. Laurence</i>	9.30 am.	Mass. Keith Hackerby & family (RIP)
11/12th August. 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year B)		
Saturday 11th <i>St. Clare of Assisi</i>	5.30 pm.	Mass. People of the Parish.
Sunday 12th	11.15 am.	Mass. Geraldine Jackson (anniversary) John & children.
No Confessions.		
Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.		
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- **CONFESSIONS:** there are no Saturday confessions in August.
- **SVP Dates:** 10th & 24th September.
- **LUNCH CLUB MEETING.** The next meeting date is 10th 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.
- **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.
- **PETITIONS FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES.** In just over 2 weeks time Archbishop Bernard will accompany over 100 pilgrims, made up of 20 sponsored families from across the Diocese, to Dublin for the World Meeting of Families. For us all to be part of the preparations for this event there has been a petition box travelling round your deanery collecting petitions which will be taken to Dublin and presented to Pope Francis at the closing Mass. Don't worry if the box has not been able to get to your parish as you can still send in your petitions. You can email them to Lianne Pap (Diocesan Family Ministry Worker) - lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org by August 19th. Petitions can be for yourself, family, friends or for anyone who may be in need of prayers.
- **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 for the full programme and a booking form for the Saturday.
- **STRATFORD FOOD BANK SHORTAGES:** donations of small sizes of: washing up liquid, washing powder, loo rolls, coffee (small jars), tea, tinned veg, fruit and

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meats, instant mash, UHT fruit juices, desserts (rice pudding, custard, sponge puds,) pasta, biscuits, baby food / formula and toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant.) See detailed list by collection boxes. Please place your donations in boxes in church porches. All donations most gratefully received.

- **NEW SAFEGUARDING REVIEW.** Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in the light of the National Catholic Policies Procedures to ensure our systems are as effective as possible. It is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence) They would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese and have had experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629) ***If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).***
- **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.
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