

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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Open Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday mornings

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Prayers for the Sick and Housebound: Mary Barratt, Dennis Barratt, Mena Burn, Sophie Connor, Vincent Coleman, Patricia Elliott, Mary Foster, Ann Kingland, Maureen Harper, Brian Harrison, Maureen Hunt, Tony Jones, Phil Kendrick, Ann Kingland, Mildred Madden, Ted Martyn, Mary Murphy, Margaret Somers, John Somers, Christina Valentino, Anthony Hathaway, and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes, own homes and known to us.

DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS. Personal consent is now needed for inclusion on the sick list as it will appear on the weekly bulletin in church and on the website. Please complete a form from the church notice boards and return to Parish office or contact the Parish office. Confirmation is needed if you, a relative or friend have consented for their name to be included 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. Teresa Vaughan

Lately Dead: Nora Low, Teresa Barker, Shelagh Sandle.

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. Bright.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 11/12th August 2018. Loose: £463.46 Gift Aid: £468.25 Boxes: £
Thank you for your generosity.

VISITORS: You are very welcome. Please make sure you introduce yourselves and sign the visitor's book at the back of the church.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please make yourselves know to the Priest and fill in a New Parishioners form.

**The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and Douai Abbey Parishes Trust.
Registered Charity Number 1063237**

| 18/19th August. 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year B) | | |
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| Saturday 18th | 5.30 pm. | Mass. People of the Parish. |
| Sunday 19th | 11.15 am. | Mass. Larry Feeney (anniversary) (Mrs. Feeney) Baptisms: George & Emma Lees Paris-Peyton Duggan |
| | 1.00 pm. | Polish Mass |
| Monday 20th <i>St. Bernard</i> | 9.30 am. | Communion Service. |
| Tuesday 21st <i>St. Pius</i> | 9.30 am. | Mass. Mary Alice Byrne (RIP) (K. McNamee) |
| Wednesday 22nd | 9.30 am. | Mass. Eric Ward (RIP) (Anne Ward) |
| Thursday 23rd | 9.30 am. | Mass. Isobel Woulfe (RIP) (David Woulfe) |
| Friday 24th <i>St. Bartholomew</i> | 9.30 am. | Mass. Thomas O'Riodan (LD) E. Cronin |
| 25/26th August. 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year B) | | |
| Saturday 25th | 5.30 pm. | Mass. Kay Finch (anniversary) (Jim Fox) |
| Sunday 26th | 11.15 am. | Mass. Molly Bloxham (RIP) (Don Payne) |
| No Confessions. | | |
| Our Lady of Peace, Shotton. | | |
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| Sunday 26th | 9.30 am. | Mass. People of the Parish. |

- **PATRONAL FEAST OF ST. GREGORY, Monday 3rd September.** There will be mass at 7pm at St, Gregory's followed by refreshments in the parish room. If you can supply food, please sign the list at the back of the church. Thank you.
- **CWL:** a big thank you, to all who bought tickets and/or came to our Strawberry Tea. We raised £200.00 for the CWL's chosen charity Myotonic Dystrophy.
- **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.
- **HCPT THANKS.** The charity which organises pilgrimages for the disabled and disadvantaged thanks us for the £100.00 donation, the proceeds from the Fairtrade coffee served after the 9.30am mass.
- **SHELAGH SANDLE (RIP).** We were saddened to learn of Shelagh's recent death. Please pray for her and her family. She did a lot for the parish and the town over many years.
- **SHELAGH SANDLE'S FUNERAL** is at 12.00pm on Wednesday 22nd August at St. Joseph's, Bidford-on-Avon.
- **TRANSPORT TO ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS:** There are spaces available in a 9 seater vehicle going to Liverpool early on Thurs 6th Sept and returning in the evening of Sun 9th Sept, currently leaving from Alcester. Shared costs. For more information please contact Rosalind-Marie Tel: 07789282689.
- **ALL MEMBERS OF THE SVP** in the diocese, and those interested in its work, are warmly invited to attend the annual celebration Mass. It will take place at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 22 September 2018 at 12noon. The principal celebrant will be Mgr. Tim Menezes. Mass will be followed by refreshments, and addresses by Helen O'Shea, the National President of the SVP, and Clare Short, former MP for Ladywood, on 'The Sermon on the Mount, the SVP and the state of Britain and the World'.
- **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. 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 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.
- **THE ROSARY** will be said after each Tuesday morning mass for peace in the Middle East.
- **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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