

+

Prayers for the Sick and Housebound: Sue Aburto, Mary Barratt, Dennis Barratt, Mena Burn, Sophie Connor, Vincent Coleman, Patricia Elliott, Mary Foster, Ann Kingland, Anne Hamilton, Maureen Harper, Brian Harrison, Anthony Hathaway, Maureen Hunt, Tony Jones, Phil Kendrick, Ann Kingland, John Leary, Mildred Madden, Peggy Madden, Ted Martyn, Rory Mahon, Mary Murphy, Vera Roche, Margaret Somers, John Somers, Christina Valentino, Maciej Grudzinski,, 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 December: Maureen Blackie, Theresa Fowler, Oliver Condon, June Fairbrother, Owen Jones, Teresa Dietrich, Enzo Buquet, Edward Carrick, Victor Burn, Edward Dempsey, Oliver Storer, Andrew Stenson, Wyndham Perring, William Vale-Humphreys, Else Burdon, Kevin Ford, Karl Oulton, Norman Frederick Petty.

Lately Dead: Paul Gilmore. Audrey Gough.

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: D. Laurens & A. Connor.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 24/25th November 2018. Loose: £ Gift Aid: £ 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.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER FOR St. Gregory's Parish, Stratford-upon-Avon:

Mandy Bennett. Contact details: email: mandycbennett@icloud.com tel: 07787 120232

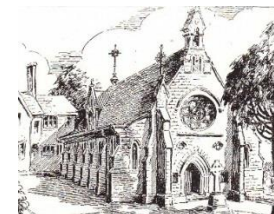
**The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and Douai Abbey Parishes Trust.
Registered Charity Number 1063237**

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



Address:
St Gregory's Church
Warwick Road,
Stratford-upon-Avon
CV37 6UJ
stgregorysua@btconnect.com
Telephone: 01789 292439

Additional numbers for use in **emergencies only:** Alcester: 01789 762573, Bidford-upon-Avon: 01789 773291

| 1/2 nd December, 1 st Sunday of Advent (Year C) | | |
|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Saturday 1st | 5.30 pm. | Mass. Maureen Blackie (anniversary) (Edmund Blackie.) |
| Sunday 2nd | 11.15 am. | Mass. People of the Parish |
| | 1.00 pm. | Polish Mass |
| Monday 3rd <i>St. Francis Xavier</i> | 9.30 am. | Communion Service. |
| Tuesday 4th | 9.30 am. | Mass. Sheela Burchill (RIP) |
| Wednesday 5th | 9.30 am. | Communion Service |
| Thursday 6th | 12.30 pm | Requiem Mass for Paul Gilmore |
| Friday 7th <i>St. Ambrose</i> | 9.30 am. 11.00 am | Mass. Joe Annells (RIP) St. Gregory's School Advent Service (in school) |
| 8/9 th December, 2 nd Sunday of Advent (Year C) | | |
| Saturday 8th <i>The Immaculate Conception</i> | 5.30 pm. | Mass. People of the Parish |
| Sunday 9th | 11.15 am. | Mass. Brian Rush (RIP) (John Rush) Baptism: Lily Anderson |
| Confessions: Saturdays 10.30-11.30 | | |
| Our Lady of Peace, Shotton. | | |
| 1/2 nd December, 1 st Sunday of Advent (Year C) | | |
| Sunday 2nd | 9.30 am. | Mass. Peter & Mabel Bazira (Mike Lowe) |
| 8/9 th December, 2 nd Sunday of Advent (Year C) | | |
| Sunday 9th | 9.30 am. | Mass. Roy Donnelly (LD) (Doreen Morris) |

- **SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend, 1/2nd December for Christmas Parcels. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 8/9th December for Poor Parishes. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you
- **OLP REPOSITORY.** A wide variety of Christmas items is now on sale including cards, Advent calendars, 2019 calendars, candles, nativity sets, etc. etc. Non-seasonal cards and gifts always available. Items not in stock can be obtained on request.
- **SVP Dates:** next meeting dates are 3rd December, 7th & 21st January 2019.
- **LUNCH CLUB MEETING.** The next meeting dates are 10 December 2018, 7th January 2019. 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 HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2018.** To pray for evangelization, that people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.
- **ST. GREGORY'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE,** Saturday 8th December 2-4pm. Raffle tickets on sale after weekend masses this weekend.
- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (S.V.P.)** New members needed and very welcome. If you have an hour or two to spare a week and would like to join us, please leave your contact details at the parish office and we'll be in touch.
- **CWL CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS.** If you would like to order a scrumptious Christmas pudding and help CWL to raise funds, please contact Pat on 01789 268973 by 14th December. More information on notice boards.
- **CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.** On Sunday 13th January there will be a meeting with parents and children to present the programme for this year's Catechism. The meeting will be held at Our Lady of Peace straight after the 9:30 Mass. Contact Giulia Tranquilli on 07717 327073
 - or giulia.tranquilli@gmail.com
- **PARISH ROOM.** Please ensure all TABLES AND CHAIRS are returned to cupboard after meetings and keep chairs away from the heaters and turn them off when leaving.
- **FOUND:** 2 small keys outside sacristy door. Apply Parish office.
- **PRAYER DAYS FOR VOCATIONS – WARWICK DEANERY.** Please attend forthcoming Eucharistic Adoration Days for Vocations in our deanery if you possibly can. Thursday 06/12/2018 - St Joseph Whitnash.

- **Devotions to Our Lady on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Saturday 8th December.**

After 10am Mass at St Peter's Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AE there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament up to noon. There will be various prayers and devotions including the rosary. The intention is for the **Sanctity of Life** from conception to natural death.

Our church is open on Saturdays at 9am with exposition up to Mass, confessions at 9.15am and Morning Prayer at 9.40am.

- **A DAY FOR PRACTISING CATHOLICS ASPIRING FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** across the Archdiocese of Birmingham will take place on Saturday 19th January 2019 from 8.30am – 3.30pm. at Don Bosco House, Coventry Road, Coleshill BE46 3EA. To book a place go to <http://w.pfrms.co/2ltp>
- **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 in the Parish room. The Bible Group meets every week to review the following Sunday's readings. All welcome.
- **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:** To join 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 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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 16th December: Parish Carol Service and Christmas Party: 4pm at St Gregorys.

Christmas Eve: Childrens' Christmas Mass: 6pm at Our Lady of Peace.
Midnight Mass: 10pm at St Gregorys.

Christmas Day: Family Christmas Mass 9.30am at Our Lady of Peace.
Solemn High Mass of Christmas 11.15am at St Gregorys.

