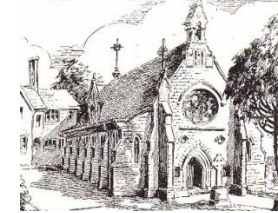


St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

Parish Priest:
Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

Parish Office:
Open Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
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Prayers for the Sick and Housebound: Sue Aburto, Mary Barratt, Dennis Barratt, Mena Burn, Sophie Connor, Vincent Coleman, Patricia Elliott, Mary Foster, Maciej Grudzinski, 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, 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: P. Hobbs.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 1/2nd December 2018. Loose: £ 492.95 Gift Aid: £540.41 Boxes: £ 104.99
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:
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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and Douai Abbey Parishes Trust.
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8/9th December, 2nd Sunday of Advent (Year C)		
Saturday 8th	5.30 pm.	Mass. People of the Parish
Sunday 9th	11.15 am.	Mass. Brian Rush (RIP) (John Rush) & Juliana Iacoponi (RIP) (Giulia Tranquilli) Baptism: Lily Anderson George Pitman-Wright
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
Monday 10th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Tuesday 11th	9.30 am.	Mass. Patricia Elliott (RIP)
Wednesday 12th	9.30 am.	Mass. Bernadette Snell & Maureen McNally (RIP) (Lila Morgan)
Thursday 13th <i>St. Lucy</i>	9.30 pm	Mass. Benny Madden (anniversary) (P. Madden)
Friday 14th <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	9.30 am.	Mass. Ivy Bakewell (RIP) (SVP)
15/16th December, 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year C)		
Saturday 15th	5.30 pm.	Mass. People of the Parish
Sunday 16th	11.15 am. 4.00 pm.	Mass. Michael Kelly (anniversary) (Josephine Kelly) Carol Service in St. Gregory's.
Confessions: Saturdays 10.30-11.30		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.		
8/9th December, 2nd Sunday of Advent (Year C)		
Sunday 9nd	9.30 am.	Mass. Roy Donnelly (LD) (Doreen Morris)
15/16th December, 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year C)		
Sunday 16th	9.30 am.	Mass. Buckel Family (Mike Lowe)

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- **SECOND COLLECTION** this 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.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 15/16th December for Flowers for Churches. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **PARISH CAROL SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY:** on Sunday 16th December at 4 p.m. in St. Gregory's Church, and this will be followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine in the Parish Room. Please do come along to join us for this wonderful way to look forward to Christmas.
- **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 ordered.
- **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 DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION.** To pray for evangelization, that people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find a language suited to the conditions of the present time.
- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (S.V.P.)** New members needed and very welcome. The SVP society helps those in need in our area. 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.
- **THE C.W.L.** wish to say a big thank you to all the lovely ladies who have knitted hats for the Apostleship of the Sea throughout the year. We have sent them 111 hats since January. Brilliant!
- **OLP.** Thanks to all who contributed or supported in any way, the 'Big Bacon Breakfast.' The profit of £120:00 has been sent to CAFOD and £50:00 donated from the raffle to 'Mary's Meals'. We were also able to donate a further £100:00 to HCPT from the profits of fair trade tea/coffee. Thank you.
- **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
- **RCIA COURSE FOR CONVERTS.** Instruction for those interested in becoming Catholics and being received into the church begins in the new year. Please submit names to the Parish office. Please encourage anyone you know: it is central to our mission that we share our wonderful faith.
- **PARISH ROOM TABLES AND CHAIRS.** Please ensure all are returned to cupboard after meetings and keep chairs away from the heaters which should be turned off when leaving.
- **STRATFORD-UPON-AVON CHORAL SOCIETY** presents Handel's Messiah on Saturday 15th December 2018 at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Stratford.
- **RECYCLE OLD MOBILE PHONES AND INKJET CATRIDGES FOR LIFE.** Please put in box in church porches (not large toner cartridges or ink tanks). Please leave mobile phones by 16th December after which they will not generate a donation.
- **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. Gregory's.

Christmas Eve: Childrens' Christmas Mass: 6pm at Our Lady of Peace.
Midnight Mass: 10pm at St Gregory's.
(preceded by Readings and Carols from 9.30pm)

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