

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, Anne Parkinson, 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, Sze Yuen Chung.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM: parishioners can contact a member of the team on 07592572978 or email stgregorysb@gmail.com. or complete a form available in the church porch.

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: M. Cavajal.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 8/9th December 2018. Loose: £ 668.14 Gift Aid: £570.00 Boxes: £ 76.24

Poor Parishes £670.27

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.

Registered Charity Number 1063237

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

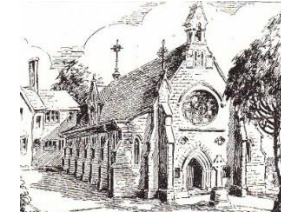
This Parish is served by the Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey.

Parish Priest:

Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

Parish Office:

Open Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
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15/16 th December, 3 rd Sunday of Advent (Year C)		
Saturday 15th	5.30 pm.	Mass. People of the Parish
Sunday 16th	11.15 am.	Mass. Michael Kelly (anniversary) (Josephine Kelly)
	4.00 pm.	Carol Service in St. Gregory's.
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
Monday 17th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Tuesday 18th	<u>9.00 am.</u>	Mass. Giuseppe Cuscito (anniversary) Gladys Cuscito
	2.00 pm.	St. Gregory's school Carol Service in church
Wednesday 19th	9.30 am.	Mass. Thanksgiving (Bridget Smart)
Thursday 20th	9.30 pm	Mass. Margaret Carns (RIP) (Anthony Carns)
Friday 21st	9.30 am.	Mass. Ayesha White-Mukumbira, Clare White) (RIP)
22/23 rd December, 4 th Sunday of Advent (Year C)		
Saturday 22nd	5.30 pm.	Mass. Dennis Power (anniversary) (Adams)
Sunday 23rd	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
Confessions: Saturdays 10.30-11.30		
Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.		
15/16 th December, 3 rd Sunday of Advent (Year C)		
Sunday 16th	9.30 am.	Mass. Buckel Family (Mike Lowe)
22/23 rd December, 4 th Sunday of Advent (Year C)		
Sunday 23rd	9.30 am.	Mass. Terry Cosgrove (RIP) (Margaret Cosgrove)

FATHER ALEX

wishes everyone a very happy and holy Christmas and a blessed New Year. He thanks all who have worked so hard for the parish over the past year.

- **SECOND COLLECTION** this 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.
- **REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES THIS CHRISTMAS.** You are invited to bring a Poinsettia to Our Lady Of Peace on Sunday 23rd December with the names of those who you wish to pray for. May they rest in Peace.
- **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 7th & 21st January 2019.
- **NEXT ALTAR SERVERS CLUB** 19th December, 5pm – 6pm
- **LUNCH CLUB MEETING.** The next meeting dates is 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.
- **"CHRISTMAS** is a time for thanking, so thank you to all those who have very kindly given their time to make our Tuesday evening "soup, sandwiches and chat" so successful for our guests. It is now in its 10th month."
- **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!

- **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.
- **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

***St. Gregory's: Sunday 16th, 4pm. Parish Carol Service and Christmas Party.
Our Lady of Peace, Shotton, Monday 24th, 6.00pm. Childrens' Christmas Mass.
St. Gregory's, Monday 24th, 10.00pm. Midnight Mass.***

(preceded by Readings and Carols from 9.30pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY:

***Our Lady of Peace, Shotton. Tuesday 25th 9.30am Family Christmas Mass.
St. Gregory's Tuesday 25th 11.15am. Christmas High Mass.***