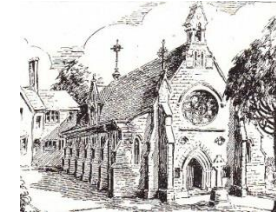


St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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: 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: Fr. Aidan Gilman OSB

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: The Catenians.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 15/16th December 2018. Loose: £ 496.81 Gift Aid: £ 635.06 Boxes: £ 109.34
Flowers for the Churches £ 494.18
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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22/23rd December, 4th 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
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
Monday 24th	9.30 pm 10.00 pm	Readings and Carols Midnight Mass. Fr. Tomas White (Diamond Jubilee) (Doreen Morris)
Tuesday 25th	11.15 am.	Christmas High Mass. Giuseppe Cusito (RIP) (Gladys Cuscito)
Wednesday 26th <i>St. Stephen</i>	9.30 am.	No Mass.
Thursday 27th <i>St. John</i>	9.30 am.	No Mass.
Friday 28th <i>St. Thomas Beckett</i>	9.30 am.	No Mass.
29/30 December, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Year C)		
Saturday 29th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Pat Finch (birthday) (Jim Fox)
Sunday 30th	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
Confessions: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am		
Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.		
22/23rd December, 4th Sunday of Advent (Year C)		
Sunday 23rd	9.30 am.	Mass. Terry Cosgrove (RIP) (Margaret Cosgrove)
Tuesday 25th	9.30 am	Family Christmas Mass. People of the Parish
29/30 December, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Year C)		
Sunday 30th	9.30 am.	Mass. Steven John Lawrence (RIP) (Mark Lawrence)

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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. Also, thank you so much for all of your cards, gifts, and Christmas offerings; they are much appreciated

- **CRIB OFFERINGS** will be given to The Children of Bethlehem charity again this year.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **SOUP KITCHEN HELPER THANKS:** "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."

- **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA THANKS: 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
- **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 closed Christmas week. Telephone 01789 292439. Please note: Monday is Fr. Alex's day off.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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