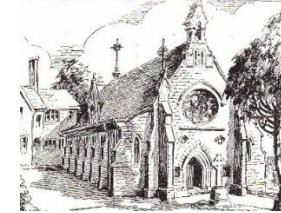


St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

Parish Priest:
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Open Tuesday,
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Prayers for the Sick and Housebound: Mary Barratt, Dennis Barratt, Mena Burn, Sophie Connor, Vincent Coleman, Gladys Cuscito, Patricia Elliott, Mary Foster, Maciej Grudzinski, Ann Kingland, Anne Hamilton, Maureen Harper, Brian Harrison, Anthony Hathaway, Maureen Hunt, Tony Jones, Phil Kendrick, Margaret Lamb, 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 January: Martin Guerin, William Dempsey, Madeleine Walker, Gerard McVeigh, Bruce Richards, Margaret Evans, Stefan Gruszeckjy, Michael Donovan, David Hennigan, Catherine Ryman, William Green, Frank Kenny, Marguerita Tyler, Antony Corr, Bridget Kiely, Jean Olejniczak, Nora Payne, Thomas O'Neill, Jennifer Snodgrass, Barbara Bell, Mary O'Boyle, Clive Gunter, Wynne Pozzi, Harry Nicholls, Anna Moulder, Jean Olejniczak, Elise Dillon, Julie Pool, Fr. John Richardson.

Lately Dead: Fr. Aidan Gilman OSB, Fr. Dominic Milroy 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: M Bright.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 22/23rd December 2018. Loose: £ 608.76 Gift Aid: £497.77 Boxes: £76.19
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

5/6th January, The Epiphany of the Lord. (Year C)		
Saturday 5th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Natasha Correia (anniversary) (Mary Correia)
Sunday 6th	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
Monday 7th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Tuesday 8th	9.30 am.	Mass. Henry Spikker (anniversary) (Angela Doherty)
Wednesday 9th	9.30 am.	Mass. Mary Walsh (LD) (Carus)
Thursday 10th	9.30 am.	Mass. School Yrs 1 & 2. Msg. Paul Watson (RIP)
Friday 11th	9.30 am.	Mass. Maria & Jan Kowalezyk (Cristina Valentino)
12/13th January, The Baptism of the Lord. (Year C)		
Saturday 12th <i>St. Benet Biscop</i>	5.30 pm.	Mass. Sue Aburto (Margaret Bright)
Sunday 13th	11.15 am.	Mass. George Hall (anniversary) (Richard Hall)
Confessions: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.		
5/6th January, The Epiphany of the Lord. (Year C)		
Sunday 6th	9.30 am.	Mass. Gary Donnelly (Mike Lowe)
12/13th January, The Baptism of the Lord. (Year C)		
Sunday 13th	9.30 am.	Mass. People of the Parish.

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

- **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 12/13th January for Fr. Hudson's Society – World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Please note this is an extra collection so please use one of your undated G.A. envelopes. Cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **CRIB OFFERINGS** will be given to The Children of Bethlehem charity again this year.
- **RCIA COURSE FOR CONVERTS** begins 15th February at 7pm in the Presbytery. 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.
- **SVP Dates:** next meeting dates are 7th & 21st January 2019.
- **LUNCH CLUB MEETING.** The next meeting dates are 7th January and 25th February. 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 JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION. Young People and the Example of Mary.** That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.
- **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.
- **CATECHISM MEETING FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** straight after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday 13th January at Our Lady of Peace. with parents and children to present the programme for this year's Catechism. 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.

- **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:** 26th January & 9th February. Please pray for those couples attending our Parish's course. We ask that that their future lives together will be blessed and fulfilling.
- **GIFT AID** information for 2017/18 tax returns. If you do not have the information you need to complete this please note that our Gift Aid organiser will be away from 5th to 19th January and will respond to any late requests as soon as he returns.
- **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, 25th – 31st May 2019.** Anyone interested in going on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year should contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Cathedral House, St Chad's Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EX Tel: 0121 236 4585. Please note there will not be a separate parish group going this year.
- **FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2019,** 10th to 16th July. Details on website link:- <https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/waf-england-and-wales-national-pilgrimage/>
- **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.