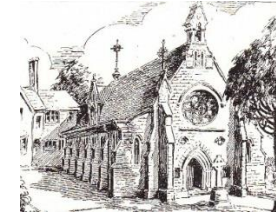


St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

Parish Priest:
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Parish Office:
Open Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
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The Sick and Housebound: James McHugh, Mary Barratt, Dennis Barratt, Mena Burn, Sophie Connor, 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, Christopher O'Brien, Vera Roche, Margaret Somers, John Somers, Christina Valentino, Anne Parkinson, Margaret Young, Helena Myczko, Barbara Woodgates, Jeanie Moore, Bernie Fletcher 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 March: Leslie Kay, Charles Ramsey, Ellen Mahon, Katarzyna Sieczka, Val Tryer, Ted Cust, Henry Yates, Czeslaw Chetnik, Catherine Whateley, Joan Dilworthy, Jim Connor, Maureen Martyn, Raymond Jack, Thomas Armstrong, Fiona Collins, Ryszard Werbel, Kathleen Roper, Pat Petty, Mike Zygmunt, John Taylor, Jennifer Harrison, Maureen McNally, Lyliane Holtom, Maggie O'Gara, Jean Igoe, Mary Owen,

Lately dead and their bereaved: Vincent Coleman, "Clem" Rattigan, Eileen McLaughlin.
BEREAVEMENT TEAM are here to support those who have lost precious ones and those who mourn. 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 9/10th March 2019. Loose: £ 563.23 Gift Aid: £571.39 Boxes: £155.52
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 known 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: mandybenett@icloud.com tel: 07787 120232

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

16/17th March 2019, 2nd Sunday of Lent (Year C)		
Saturday 16th	5.30 pm.	Mass. People of the Parish.
Sunday 17th	11.15 am.	Mass. Thanksgiving (Doreen Morris)
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
	4.30 pm.	Stations of the Cross
Monday 18th	9.30 am. till 10.30	Communion Service followed by Adoration.
Tuesday 19th <i>St. Joseph, spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30 am. 10.00 am.	Mass. Stefanie Donovan (RIP) (Bond) Rosary.
Wednesday 20th	9.30 am.	Mass. Margaret Short (LD) (Margaret Callaghan)
Thursday 21st <i>The Passing of St. Benedict</i>	9.30 am. 7 - 8.00 pm	Mass. Maciej Grudzinski (Aldona Grudzinska) Exposition.
Friday 22nd	12.30pm	Requiem mass for Christopher ("Clem") Rattigan
23/24th March 2019, 3rd Sunday of Lent (Year C)		
Saturday 23rd	5.30 pm.	Mass. Peter O'Connor & Gladys Cuscito (LD) Ann Connor & family
Sunday 24th	11.15 am.	Mass. Paul Gilmore (LD) (Catenians)
Confessions: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.		
16/17th March 2019, 2nd Sunday of Lent (Year C)		
Sunday 16th	9.30 am.	Mass. Nora Payne (RIP) (Don Payne)
23/24th March 2019, 3rd Sunday of Lent (Year C)		
Sunday 24th	9.30 am.	Mass. People of the Parish

- **THE LENT FAST (CAFOD)** will now be taken next weekend, 23/24th March. Gift Aiders please use the spare GA envelope from your box of envelopes or CAFOD's own envelopes available in the Churches. This is due to a mistake by the envelope supplier.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend, 16/17th March for **SVP**. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Sunday in Lent at 4.30pm at St. Gregory's.
- **RCIA COURSE FOR CONVERTS** continues on Friday evenings at 7pm in the Presbytery. Instruction for those interested in becoming Catholics and being received into the church. Please submit names to the Parish office. Please encourage anyone you know: it is central to our mission that we share our wonderful faith.
- **THE HOLY FATHER'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION.** Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities. That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.
- **SVP Dates:** next meeting dates are 18 March, 1 & 15 April.
- **LUNCH CLUB MEETING.** The next meeting dates are 18th March, 29th April. 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.
- **NEXT ALTAR SERVERS CLUB** 20th March, 5pm – 6pm
- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** for school year 3, on 22nd March at 10.15am in church.
- **FIRST CONFESSIONS** for children attending non-Catholic schools on 23rd March at 11.30am
- **OLP REPOSITORY.** A wide variety of cards and religious items are always available. Please ask if you cannot see what you require on display as items not in stock can easily be ordered. Contact details can be found on the noticeboard.
- **A POLISH EVENING** will replace St. Patrick's party this year.
- **OLP LENT LUNCH for CAFOD** on 9th March was very well supported and in total, you raised £300 - a truly wonderful effort. Grateful thanks to all who supported in any way. Special thanks to those who worked so hard in the kitchen or 'front of house' to bring about a very smooth operation. It was all such fun.
- **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS** – What difference can Christianity make to your life? St Gregory's will be running a series of Life in the Spirit seminars on Wednesday evenings between Easter and Pentecost (24th April – 5th June and Saturday 1st June). If you feel that life is asking you questions that your faith is not answering, this series of seven seminars is a great opportunity to explore

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what matters and meet new people. Anyone interested in participating please contact Peter Hobbs on 07887 700809. (Further details to follow.)

- **EVERY LIFE MATTERS** – a talk by Life Charity. Saturday 23rd March, arrivals from 10.30am. The Grimshaw Room, St Chad's Cathedral B4 6EY. Cost – suggested donation of £5 (all monies will be given to Life Charity). For more info call 0121 475 1227 / 07767 427625
- **FATHER HUDSON'S CARE** has places available for the Birmingham and Midland Velo, a 100-mile sponsored cycle on 12 May. Anyone interested in riding in aid of our diocesan social care agency should call Father Hudson's on 01675-434059 or e-mail fundrais@fatherhudsons.org.uk before 12 March.
- **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, 25th – 31st May 2019.** Anyone interested in going on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year should contact Sharron Jagers at www.tangey-tours.com for information, booking forms and brochures. Also available on www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk Please note there will not be a separate parish group going this year.
- **ONLINE LENT RETREAT 2019 - WALKING TOGETHER WITH CHRIST.** You are invited to join an online retreat by signing up on the website: pathwaystogod.org If you wish to join a local group, weekly meetings are being held in the upper Davenport Room, St Peter's Parish Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE starting on Friday 1st March at 7.30pm and ending on 12th April. Booking charge £20 payable at the first meeting. For further information contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399
- **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.
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