

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

The Sick and Housebound: Mary Barratt, Dennis Barratt, Mena Burn, Sophie Connor, Gary Denstone, Patricia Elliott, Mary Foster, Maciej Grudzinski, Ann Kingland, Anne Hamilton, Maureen Harper, Brian Harrison, Anthony Hathaway, Tony Jones, Phil Kendrick, Margaret Lamb, John Leary, Mildred Madden, Peggy Madden, Rory Mahon, Mary Murphy, Vera Roche, John Somers, Cristina Valentino, Anne Parkinson, Margaret Young, Helena Myczko, Barbara Woodgates, Mary McCarthy, Elizabeth Cronin, 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.

Lately Dead: Tom Mahon, Gabriella Tyrell, Sarah Gretton, Dick Kingston, Dom Nicholas Broadbrige OSB.

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. Carvajal.

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.

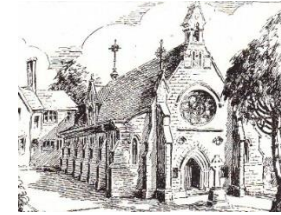
SAFEGUARDING OFFICER FOR St. Gregory's Parish, Stratford-upon-Avon:

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

Parish Priest:
Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

Parish Office:
Open Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday mornings



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30/1st December 2019, 1st Sunday of Advent (Year A)		
Saturday 30th <i>St. Andrew</i>	5.30 pm.	Mass. Maureen Blackie (anniversary) (Edmund Blackie)
Sunday 1st	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish.
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
Monday 2nd	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Tuesday 3rd <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	9.30 am.	Mass. Shelia Ownes (LD) (Elizabeth Cronin)
Wednesday 4th	9.30 am.	Mass. Jean Guinan
Thursday 5th	9.30 am. 7 - 8.00 pm	Mass. Monica McVeigh (RIP) (Ann Connor) Exposition
Friday 6th	9.30 am.	Mass. May Powers (RIP) (Basford)
7/8th December 2019, 2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A)		
Saturday 7th <i>St. Ambrose</i>	5.30 pm.	Mass. Hamish Crombie (RIP) (Crombie family)
Sunday 8th	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
Confessions Saturdays 10.30-11.30am		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.		
30/1st December 2019, 1st Sunday of Advent (Year A)		
Sunday 1st	9.30 am.	Mass. Timothy McGarry (1 st anniversary) (Joan McGarry)
7/8th December 2019, 2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A)		
Sunday 8th	9.30 am.	Mass. George Hitchman (LD) (Hilda & John Kemp) Baptism: Violetta Esther Spadavecchia

N.B: Weekday Services will be in the Parish Room.

- **COLUMBIAN APPEAL THANKS.** “It was as good as a holiday and a very memorable St. Columban's Day. Please give your parishioners my thanks for their warm welcome and support for my appeal. With warm wishes and prayers. Fr. Gerry Markey”
- **GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS** 12th December at Levi Fox Hall King Edward V1 School 7-9pm. The Stratford Herald General Election Hustings 2019 are on their way, giving you the chance to quiz the candidates on the subjects most important to you. Nadhim Zahawi (Cons), Felix Ling (Lab), Dominic Skinner (Lib Dem), and David Passingham (Green) will be attempting to win your vote on 12th December. Our free Hustings event, chaired by former BBC presenter and producer Will Hanrahan, will give residents the chance to put the candidates under the microscope. If you are attending the event and are interested in asking questions to our candidates, please email them in advance to news @stratford-herald.com, while there will also be opportunities to ask questions on the night.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend, 30th/ 1st December for Christmas parcels. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank you.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 7/8th December for Christmas parcels. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank you.
- **ST. GREGORY'S BUILDING WORKS.** The Altar has been removed for restoration and replaced with a temporary altar. The font has been moved to St Joseph Chapel and new radiators installed. The full church renovation will begin in February and hopefully will be completed by Easter.
- **LUNCH CLUB MEETING.** The next meeting dates are 9th December, 20th January, 17th February and 16th March. 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.
- **S.V.P. MEETING DATES:** December 2nd.
- **PARISH CAROL SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The Carol Service will be Sunday 22nd December at 4.00 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.
- **Catechism for children attending non-Catholic schools:** on Sunday 12th January there will be a meeting with parents and children to explain the programme for next year's First Holy Communion. The meeting will be held at Our Lady of Peace Shottery at the end of the 9.30am Mass. For more information please contact Giulia Tranquilli on 07717 327073 or by email at giulia.tranquilli@gmail.com.
- **CLIMATE CHANGE & THE ENVIRONMENT.** As a parish we need to try to reduce global warming by becoming greener. Tom Baxter will co-ordinate our efforts. A small start would be for us all to prioritize our method of travel before every journey. Walking. 2. Cycling. 3. Bus. 4. Train. 5. Car. Air and cruise ship travel should be avoided if possible. Use Ecosia as your search engine (you do not have to abandon Google altogether). For every 45 searches you make you will have planted a tree without leaving the comfort of your chair. You can plant trees faster by clicking on the advertisements but please do not do this for the sake of it as advertisers will stop advertising if they guess the clicks are not genuine.
- **L.P.S. PARISH CAR PARK:** No charges from Saturday 5pm until Sunday 2.45pm.
- **OLP CAR PARK:** Pay and display car park: no charge on Sundays for Mass attenders.
- **THE HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: The Future of the Very Young.** That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.
- **HOLY HOUR:** 7.00pm on Thursdays. All are welcome.
- **DEFIBRILLATION MACHINES** are at each church. Link to training to be found at <https://www.utube.com/watch?v=OPnaf5t7H1>
- **OLP REPOSITORY.** Items for Advent, including a variety of Advent Calendars are now available. Christmas cards are also on display. A wide variety of cards and gifts for all occasions - including Confirmation - are in stock. Why not have a browse? Items not in stock can usually be ordered easily from our suppliers. Contact details can be found on the noticeboard.
- **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** at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk
- **WARWICK DEANERY WEBSITE** 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.