

**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, John Kemp, 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 and their bereaved:**

**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](mailto:stgregorysbt@gmail.com) or complete a form available in the church porch.

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: M. Thompson, N. Crawley.

**Recent Collections.**

Weekend 30/1st December 2019. Loose: £467.72 Gift Aid: £630.14 Boxes: £78.77  
Christmas Parcels £ 991.10  
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:**

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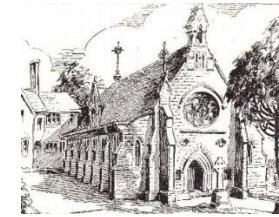
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## St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

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



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7/8 <sup>th</sup> December 2019, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)		
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St. Ambrose</i>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Hamish Crombie (RIP) (Crombie family)
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish.
	<b>1.00 pm.</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady</i>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	<b>9.30 am.</b> <b>10.00 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Monica McVeigh (RIP) (Edmund Blackie) <b>Rosary.</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Kit Morton (RIP) (Doreen Morris)
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b> <b>7 - 8.00 pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Bill Bailey (RIP) (Caroline Wilkes) <b>Exposition</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St. Lucy</i>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Jodie Rashwan (RIP) (Sue Aburto)
14/15 <sup>th</sup> December 2019, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)		
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Clodagh Horner (RIP) (Marie Taft)
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Giovanni & Rosalia Priolo (RIP anniversary) (Christina Sansera)
<b>Confessions Saturdays 10.30-11.30am</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.</b>		
7/8 <sup>th</sup> December 2019, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)		
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> George Hitchman (LD) (Hilda & John Kemp) Baptism: Violetta Esther Spadavecchia
14/15 <sup>th</sup> December 2019, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)		
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish

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- **SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend, 7/8<sup>th</sup> December for Poor Parishes Fund Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank you.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 14/15<sup>th</sup> December for Flowers for the Churches. 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 9<sup>th</sup> December, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 17<sup>th</sup> February and 16<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **PARISH CAROL SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The Carol Service will be Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- **REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES THIS CHRISTMAS.** You are invited to bring a red Poinsettia plant in memory of a loved one To Our Lady of Peace on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Can you spare some time after 9:30 Mass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to help decorate the church, assemble the crib and Christmas Tree?
- **CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. 1.Walking. 2. Cycling. 3. Bus. 4. Train. 5. Car. 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.

- **THE HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: The Future of the Very Young.** That every country takes 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.
- **OLP REPOSITORY.** A wide variety of seasonal items are now in stock for Advent, Christmas and the New Year. These include cards, gifts, calendars and diaries. Why not have a browse? Items of a more general nature are also available and if what you require is not in stock, it can generally be ordered and received in a few days. Contact details are displayed in the foyer.
- **THE ROSARY** is 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.
- **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.
- **DEFIBRILLATION MACHINES** are at each church. Link to training to be found at <https://www.utube.com/watch?v=OPnaf5t7H1>
- **DIOCESAN WEBSITE** at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)
- **WARWICK DEANERY WEBSITE** at [www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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.**

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 4.00pm Parish Carol Service and Christmas Party at St. Gregory's.*

*Christmas Eve: 6.00pm Childrens' Christmas Mass at Our Lady of Peace. 10.00 pm. Midnight Mass at St Gregory's.*

*Christmas Day: 9.30 am. Family Christmas Mass at Our Lady of Peace. 11.15 am. Solemn High Mass of Christmas at St Gregory's.*

