

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, Elizabeth Cronin, Gary Denstone, Patricia Elliott, Mary Foster, Maciej Grudzinski, Ann Kingland, Anne Hamilton, Maureen Harper, Brian Harrison, Anthony Hathaway, Tony Jones, John Kemp, Phil Kendrick, Margaret Lamb, John Leary, Mildred Madden, Peggy Madden, Rory Mahon, Mary McCarthy, Mary Murphy, Vera Roche, John Somers, Cristina Valentino, Anne Parkinson, Margaret Young, Helena Myczko, Barbara Woodgates, Sue Wilmore, Steven Alford, 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 or complete a form available in the church porch.

Church Cleaning: St Gregory's: The Catenians.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 14/15th December 2019. Loose: £ Gift Aid: £ Boxes: £
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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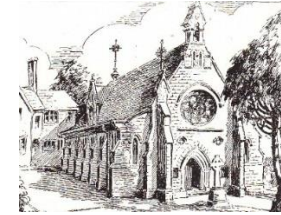
The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and Douai Abbey Parishes Trust.

Registered Charity Number 1063237

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Parish Priest:
Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

Parish Office:
Open Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
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21st/22nd December 2019, 4th Sunday of Advent (Year A)		
Saturday 21st	5.30 pm.	Mass. Mary & Tom Stanford (Intentions) (Mary Davies)
Sunday 22nd	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
	1.00 pm 4.00 pm.	Polish Mass. Carol Service.
Monday 23rd	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Tuesday 24th	6.00 pm. 9.30 pm. 10.00 pm.	Childrens' Mass at Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery. Pauline Lees (RIP) (Lees family) Readings and Carols. Midnight Mass.
Wednesday 25th <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	11.15 am.	CHRISTMAS HIGH MASS. Margaret Youatt (RIP)
Thursday 26th <i>St. Stephen</i>		No service
Friday 27th <i>St. John</i>		No Service
28/29th December 2019, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Year A)		
Saturday 28th <i>Holy Innocents</i>	5.30 pm.	Mass. Michael & Annie Kivlehan (anniversary) (Francis Woodhouse)
Sunday 29th	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish Baptism of Eric Richard Little.
NO Confessions Saturday 28th December		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.		
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Sunday 21st	9.30 am.	Mass. Vincent & Norma Coleman (RIP) C. Wilkes Baptism: Alice Emily Harvey
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Sunday 29th	9.30 am.	Mass. Steven John Lawrence (RIP) (Mark Lawrence)

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FR. 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.

- **CONFESSIONS:** Before and after the 5.30pm Mass on 21st December.
- **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.
- **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 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.
- **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 22nd December. Can you spare some time after 9:30 Mass on Sunday 22nd December to help decorate the church, assemble the crib and Christmas Tree?
- **CATECHESIS 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.
- **CWL.** "Thank you to all those who bought from our produce stall in November. We are able to send £277.60 to Hosanna House Children's Pilgrimage Trust. You are all brilliant."
- **CWL.** Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 15th January, 2020 at 2 p.m. in the Parish Room. Subs are due.
- **S.V.P. MEETING DATES:** January 6th & 20th, February 3rd & 17th, March 2nd & 16th, April 6th & 20th
- **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.

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- **HOLY HOUR:** 7.00pm on Thursdays. All are welcome.
- **OUR LADY OF PEACE 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
- **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.
- **FR ALEX'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION AND 70TH BIRTHDAY IS ON 2.2.2020.** THERE WILL BE A MASS AT 3PM FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION AT ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL.
- **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 22nd 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, preceded by Carols and Readings from 9.30 pm.

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

- **CATHOLIC INSTRUCTION FOR CONVERTS.** Classes for those wishing to become catholics begin in February. Those wanting to participate please submit their names to the office.

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