

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 January: Martin Guerin, William Dempsey, Madeleine Walker, Gerard McVeigh, Peter O'connor, Bruce Richards, Margaret Evans, Michael Donovan, David Hennigan, Gladys Cuscito, Catherine Ryman, William Green, Frank Kenny, Marguerite Tyler, Margaret Bullen, 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, Bernie Hardy, Elise Dillon, Julie Pool, Fr. John Richardson.

Lately Dead and their bereaved: Fr. Brian Doolan (Shipston & Brailes 2007-2018), Gordon Wellesley, George McGrory, David McDonald.

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: K. Elliott & M. Lancaster.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 18/19th January 2020. Loose: £501.03 Gift Aid: £649.20 Boxes: £ 81.80
 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:

Mark O'Connell Contact details: email: mjoc61@icloud.com Tel: 07732 686045

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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25/26th January 2020, Third Sunday of the Year.		
Saturday 25th <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>	5.30 pm.	Mass. Wynne Pozzi (anniversary) Nick Pozzi & Mary Steed.
Sunday 26th	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
Monday 27th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Tuesday 28th <i>St. thomas Aquinas</i>	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Wednesday 29th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Thursday 30th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Friday 31st <i>St. John Bosco</i>	11.30 am.	Requiem Mass for George McGrory
1/2nd February 2020, The Presentation of the Lord.		
Saturday 1st	5.30 pm.	Mass. Bernie Hardy (1 st anniversary) Chris Hardy.
Sunday 2nd	11.15am 3.00 pm.	Mass. People of the Parish Mass. Celebration Mass of Fr Alex's 40 th Anniversary of Ordination and his 70 th Birthday.
No Confessions 1st February		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.		
25/26th January 2020, Fourth Sunday of the Year.		
Sunday 26th	9.30 am.	Mass. Helen & Mike Dolce (Special Blessing) Mike Lowe
1/2nd February 2020, The Presentation of the Lord.		
Sunday 2nd	9.30 am.	Mass. Pascale Seiler (Intentions) (Phillipe Seiler)

- **Fr. ALEX's 40th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION and his 70th Birthday on Sunday, 2nd February 2020.** Mass is at 3pm followed by a reception at St Gregory's school. On that date the 11.15am will be a low Mass and the 3pm Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. All parishioners are warmly invited. If you wish to attend, please sign the lists at the back of the churches as space could be limited. **TICKETS** will be distributed after Masses to all those who have signed up. Please do not take a ticket unless you have signed and if you take a ticket please ensure you attend. **ALSO**, we require help with the food and have placed lists at the back of the church regarding this. We are having an afternoon tea party theme and will be providing a cold finger food buffet. We would be grateful if you could detail on the list the food you would be providing.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend 25th/26th January is for a gift for Father Alex on his 40th Anniversary and 70th Birthday. Monies (no cheques please) could also be dropped into the parish office or through Father's front door in an envelope appropriately marked. Thank You.
- **CRIB OFFERINGS** of £53.35 will again be donated to The Children of Bethlehem.
- **CATHOLIC INSTRUCTION FOR CONVERTS.** Classes for those wishing to become Catholics begin in February. Please encourage anyone who might be interested. Please submit names to the office.
- **WE WELCOME FR JIM FLEMING** from The Columbian Fathers to preside over Mass this weekend 25th/26th January.
- **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 17th February and 16th March, 27th April, 18th May & 22nd June. 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 it is important for catering numbers.
- **CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** the programme for this year's First Holy Communion has begun. The meetings are held at Our Lady of Peace Shuttery 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.
- **S.V.P. MEETING DATES:** February 3rd & 17th, March 2nd & 16th, April 6th and 20th
- **THE HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION: Promotion of World Peace.** We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.
- **CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Are you ready to transform lives by choosing a different sort of challenge in 2020? Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD and help children and young people learn about global poverty, and motivate them to take action? We are looking for school volunteers to visit our local Catholic schools and inspire young people to make a difference. For more information please contact Sylvester Mutsigwa at CAFOD Birmingham on 01922 722944 or email birmingham@cafod.org.uk
- **ROSARIES:** any unwanted rosaries can be sent to the Catenian Rosary Group for the Aboriginals in Australia and Missions in the 3rd world African countries. We will continue to collect them at St Gregory's so please continue to leave them in the box in the porch for periodic forwarding.
- **HOLY HOUR:** 7.00pm on Thursdays. All are welcome.
- **OLP REPOSITORY** A wide range of gifts and cards are currently available, including diaries and calendars for 2020. Any items required that are not in stock can usually be obtained within a few days. Contact details can be found on the noticeboard.
- **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.
- **PARISH OFFICE:** The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings. Telephone 01789 292439. Please note Monday is Fr. Alex's day off.

