

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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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 February: Martin Guerin, William Dempsey, Madeleine Walker, Liam Killian, Gerard McVeigh, Peter O'Connor, Bruce Richards, Margaret Evans, Michael Donovan, David Hennigan, Gladys Cuscito, Bronislawa Bachryj, Catherine Ryman, William Green, Frank Kenny, Marguerita 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, Jean Olejniczak, Bernie Hardy, Elise Dillon, Julie Pool, Fr. John Richardson.

Lately Dead and their bereaved: Fr. Brian Doolan (Shipston & Brailes 2007-2018), David McDonald, Connie Boyle, Michael Curran, Sheila Williams.

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:

Recent Collections.

Weekend 1/2nd February 2020. Loose: £297.49 Gift Aid: £348.49 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:

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

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8/9th February 2020, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.		
Saturday 8th	5.30 pm.	Mass. B. Molloy (LD) (A. Molloy)
Sunday 9th	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass.
Monday 10th <i>St. Scholastica</i>	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Tuesday 11th	9.30 am.	Mass. Fr. Jerome Bertram (RIP)
Wednesday 12th	9.30 am.	Mass. Norah Payne (anniversary) (Don Payne)
Thursday 13th	9.30 am.	Mass. Michael Long (RIP) (Margaret Callaghan)
Friday 14th <i>Ss. Cyril & Methodius</i>	9.30 am.	Mass. James McHugh (RIP) (SVP)
15/16th February 2020, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time.		
Saturday 15th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Jackie Maureen Gallagher
Sunday 16th	11.15am.	Mass. People of the Parish
Confessions : Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am		
Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.		
8/9th February 2020, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.		
Sunday 9th	9.30 am.	Mass. Tom Mahon (RIP) (B & J. Fleetwood)
15/16th February 2020, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time.		
Sunday 16th	9.30 am.	Mass. Evie Rose Driscoll (anniversary) (Ellenbroek)

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- **Fr. ALEX's 40th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION and 70th Birthday. A HUGE THANK YOU** to all those who worked so incredibly hard in preparation for this event, also for the much appreciated extremely generous PARISH GIFT of almost £2,000, as well as for the countless cards and presents I received. Never was so much given for so little!

Thank you to everyone who came. I was totally overwhelmed and humbled by the celebration. It was a great credit to the whole parish and a very happy occasion. Thank you for sharing my joy.

- **MILL HILL APPEAL:** We welcome Fr. Kevin Hughes MHM who will address at all Masses this weekend, 8/9th February.
- **PARISH VISITATION.** BISHOP WILLIAM KENNY will conduct the visitation on the weekend of 7th & 8th March.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 15/16th February for Pro-Life. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **SICK LIST ENQUIRY.** Could the person wanting an entry for R.P. put on weekly bulletin's sick list please contact the Parish office.
- **DIOCESAN ANNUAL LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020.** Dates: depart Saturday 23rd May – returning 29th May from Birmingham airport. For booking contact numbers and costs, please contact either Archdiocese Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, c/o Kath White on 0121-230-6288 or Tangney Tours on 0800 917 3572. www.tangney-tours.com email: sales@tangney-tours.com Free brochure line: 0800 917 3572
- Information leaflets also available from St. Gregory's porch.
- **CATHOLIC INSTRUCTION FOR CONVERTS.** Classes for those wishing to become Catholics begins on Friday 28th February at 7pm in the Presbytery. Please encourage anyone who might be interested. Please submit names to the office.
- **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. Weekday Masses have begun in the parish room.
- **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.
- **S.V.P. MEETING DATES:** February 17th, March 2nd & 16th, April 6th and 20th
- **THE HOLY FATHER'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION: Listen to the Migrants' Cries.** We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

- **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
- **LITTLE GREGS PRE-SCHOOL AND OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB** is overseen by a group of Directors who meet on a termly basis. We are looking to recruit someone to take on the role of Finance which would involve monitoring the budget and overseeing the year end accounts. This role would require someone who could commit to a few hours per term. The role is voluntary and subject to an enhanced DBS check.
- If you are interested, please contact Teresa Butler at Little Gregs on 01789 290198
- or littlegregs3506@welearn365.com
- **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 in the parish room. 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.
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