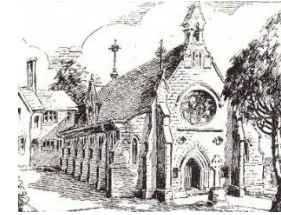


St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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: Steven Alford, Mary Barratt, Dennis Barratt, Mena Burn, Sophie Connor, Gary Denstone, Gabrielle Edwardes, 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, Helena Myczko, Anne Parkinson, Rachael Perks, Vera Roche, John Somers, Cristina Valentino, Sue Wilmore, Barbara Woodgates, Margaret Young, 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: Bernadette Snell, Mick Snell, John Mitchell, Ennio Dionisi, Dominic Lavelle, Eileen O'Brien, Peter Davies, Cath Austin, Vincent Murphy, Malcom Best, Emilia Trzaska, Jennifer Gurr, John McKay, Yvette Gittins, Joan Davies, Patricia Danes, Tony Carbonari, Jennifer Snodgrass, Andrew Jowett, Barbara Bell, John Martyn, Irene McWalter, Matilda Clayton-Wright, Margaret Gray, Terence Cosgrove, Vincent Coleman.

Lately Dead and their bereaved: 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: P. Hobbs. (please could cleaners contact Terry on 07719089110 for information about cleaning during renovation works)

Recent Collections.

Weekend 15/16th February 2020. Loose: £369.03 Gift Aid: £565.38 Boxes: £ Pro-life £ 803.23

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

22/23rd February 2020, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time.		
Saturday 22nd	5.30 pm.	Mass. Nora Devlin (Frances McKay)
Sunday 23rd	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass.
Monday 24th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Tuesday 25th	9.30 am.	Mass. James Rafferty (RIP)
Wednesday 26th <i>Ash Wednesday.</i>	9.30 am. 7.00 pm.	Mass and distribution of ashes at St. Gregory's Sch. Mass and distribution of ashes at Our Lady of Peace Stephen Neeson (RIP) & family (Frances McKay)
Thursday 27th	9.30 am.	Mass. Fr. Brian Doolan (RIP) (J.W.)
Friday 28th <i>St. Peter Damian</i>	9.30 am.	Mass. Michael Alford (anniversary) (Mary Alford)
29th/ 1st March 2020, 1st Sunday of Lent.		
Saturday 29th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Liam Burns (LD) (Watson)
Sunday 1st	11.15am.	Mass. Maureen Mastellone (RIP)
Confessions: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am (in the parish room)		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.		
22/23rd February 2020, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time.		
Sunday 23rd	9.30 am.	Mass. Vincent Coleman (1 st anniversary) (C. Wilkes)
29th / 1st March 2020, 1st Sunday of Lent.		
Sunday 1st	9.30 am.	Mass. People of the Parish

- **ASH WEDNESDAY** 26th February. Masses are 9.30am in school and 7pm at Our Lady of Peace.
- **THE NEXT PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING** is Thursday 27th February at 8pm in the Parish Room.
- **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.
- **STATIONS of THE CROSS.** Sundays in Lent at 4pm at **Our Lady Peace Shottery.**
- **STRATFORD CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT COURSE** "The Lord's Prayer" **Praying it, meaning it, living it.** Wednesdays from 4th March for five weeks 7.30pm – 9pm at Stratford Methodist Church. See poster in the porch for details and sign the list if you are attending.
- **S.V.P. MEETING DATES:** March 2nd & 16th, April 6th and 20th
- **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 29/1st March for Cathedral Maintenance. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **TALK ON JOHN HENRY NEWMAN and PADRE PIO.** The **CWL** have invited two speakers to St. Gregory's to give us an illustrated talk about these two great men of the church. If you would like to learn more, come along to the Parish Room on **WEDNESDAY, 4th MARCH, AT 2.30pm.** All are welcome. Bring a friend. There will be free refreshments.
- **PARISH VISITATION:** BISHOP WILLIAM KENNY will conduct the visitation on the weekend of 7th & 8th March.
- **PARISH PRESENTATION** to Bishop Kenney on Saturday 7th March at 6.30pm in the Parish Room. Please could representatives of all the parish groups attend to discuss their work.
- **LUNCH CLUB MEETING.** The next meeting dates are 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.
- **ADORATION DAY FOR VOCATIONS – WARWICK DEANERY.** On Friday 6th March 2020 there is an Adoration Day of Prayers for Vocations at Bl. Robert Grissold Church, Balsall Common. In view of the current serious shortage in vocations can parishioners please support this forthcoming Prayer Day.
- **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.
- **ST. GREGORY'S BUILDING WORKS.** The Church will be closed on weekdays because of the building works.
- **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.
- **EVANGELISATION TEAM.** Our next meeting for the Warwick Deanery parishes is on Monday 2nd March at 7.30pm in the upper Davenport Room, St Peter's Parish Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AE. It is hoped that each parish could be represented to help us plan how to share the Good News. Contact: Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk
- **HMP HEWELL CHAPLAIN.** HMP Hewell seeks a RC Chaplain, which may be a lay person. Please use the following link for the advertised post: <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-15/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/32278-32278-Roman-Catholic-Ordained-Deacon-Religious-Brother-or-Sister-Lay-Person/en-GB>
- **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.
- **PARISH OFFICE:** The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings. Telephone 01789 292439. Please note Monday is Fr. Alex's day off.