

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, Kathleen Coleman 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 March: Leslie Kay, Clem Rattigan, Charles Ramsey, Ellen Mahon, Katarzyna Sieczka, Val Tryer, Carol Oulton, Ted Cust, Eileen McLoughlin, Czeslaw Chetnik, Catherine Whateley, Jim Connor, Maureen Martyn, Raymond Jack, Thomas Armstrong, Fiona Collins, Ryszard Werbel, Pat Petty, Mike Zygmunt, John Taylor, Jennifer Harrison, Maggie O'Gara Maureen McNally, Janie Moore, Mary Owen.

Lately Dead and their bereaved: 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: M. Thompson & N. Crawley (please could cleaners contact Terry on 07719089110 for information about cleaning during renovation works)

Recent Collections.

Weekend 22/23rd February 2020. Loose: £518.56 Gift Aid: £644.02 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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29th / 1st March 2020, 1st Sunday of Lent.		
Saturday 29th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Liam Burns (LD) (Watson)
Sunday 1st	11.15 am.	Mass. Maureen Mastellone (RIP)
	1.00 pm.	<u>Polish Mass now at Our Lady of Peace, Shottery until further notice.</u>
Monday 2nd	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Tuesday 3rd	9.30 am.	Mass. Martin & Madge McKay (RIP) & family. (Frances McKay)
Wednesday 4th	9.30 am.	Mass. Nicky Newland (anniversary) (Peter Newland)
Thursday 5th	9.30 am.	Mass Yrs. 3 & 6 in St. Gregory's School Fr. John Ellis (RIP)
Friday 6th	9.30 am.	<u>MASS IN SCHOOL.</u> Tom Mahon (RIP) (Dorothy Laurens)
	2.00 pm.	World Day of Prayer at <u>Our Lady of Peace</u>
7/8th March 2020, 2nd Sunday of Lent.		
Saturday 7th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Jim Connor (anniversary) (Ann & family)
Sunday 8th	11.15am.	Mass. Russell Chatwin (RIP)
<i>Confessions: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am (at the back of the church)</i>		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottery.		
29th / 1st March 2020, 1st Sunday of Lent.		
Sunday 1st	9.30 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass.
	4.00 pm.	Stations of the Cross
7/8th March 2020, 2nd Sunday of Lent.		
Sunday 8th	9.30 am.	Mass. People of the Parish

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- **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.
- **CATHOLIC INSTRUCTION FOR CONVERTS** on Fridays in Lent at **6pm** in the Presbytery. Please encourage anyone who might be interested. Please submit names to the office.
- **TALKS ON JOHN and GOSPEL** by Marina Smith. Tuesdays in Lent at the **BIBLE GROUP**.
- **BIBLE GROUP:** Tuesdays 7.30pm in the Parish room. The Bible Group meets every week to review the following Sunday's readings. All welcome.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS.** Sundays in Lent at 4pm at **Our Lady Peace Shuttery**. Parking charges will not apply until 5pm.
- **S.V P. MEETING DATES:** March 2nd & 16th, April 6th and 20th
- **SECOND COLLECTION** this 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.
- **POLISH MASS:** please note that from 1st March, and until renovation works at St. Gregory's are finished, this Mass will be held at **Our Lady of Peace** at 1.00pm. Parking charges will not apply until 5pm.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 7/8th March for CAFOD Lent Fast. Gift Aiders please use the envelope dated **15th March**. 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.
- **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** this year is on Friday 6th March. Our parish is the host for all the Stratford Churches and, because of the renovation work at St. Gregory's, the service will take place at Our Lady of Peace, Shuttery at 2.00 p.m. The service has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe and the theme is 'Rise, take your mat and walk.' Please do make a special effort to join us – women, men and children are all welcome and the service will be followed by refreshments in the Family Room.
- **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.
- **LENT LUNCH OLP Saturday 21st March** 12.00 md – 2.30 pm. All profits will be donated to CAFOD. Homemade Soup, Bread and Cheese Coffee/ Tea £3.00. (Good Company is FREE). Donations of your favourite soup or cheese very welcome indeed. Contact Betty 01386438932 or any member of our Sunday volunteer staff.
- **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.
- **ST. GREGORY'S BUILDING WORKS.** The Church will be closed on weekdays because of the building works.
- **THE HOLY FATHER'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION: Catholics in China.** We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.
- **CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY** on Friday 6 March is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.
- **HOLY HOUR:** 7.00pm on Thursdays in the parish room. All are welcome.
- **OLP REPOSITORY.** A variety of cards and gifts for St. Patrick's Day and Mothers' Day is now available, as well as for all other occasions. Please have a browse! Should what you require not be on display, please ask. Items not in stock can usually be obtained within a few days. Contact details are posted on the OLP noticeboard. Thank you for your support.
- **THE ROSARY** is said after Tuesday morning Mass for peace in the Middle East.
- **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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