

St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

This Parish is served by the Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey.

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: John Palmer.

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. Bright (please could cleaners contact Terry on 07719089110 for information about cleaning during renovation works)

Recent Collections.

Weekend 7/8th March 2020. Loose: £335.63 Gift Aid: £419.74 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:

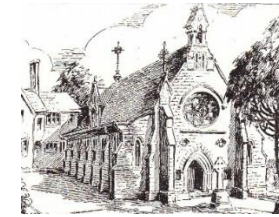
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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and Douai Abbey Parishes Trust.

Registered Charity Number 1063237

Parish Priest:
Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

Parish Office:
Open Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday mornings



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14/15th March 2020, 3rd Sunday of Lent.		
Saturday 14th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Joseph Connolly.
Sunday 15th	11.15 am.	Mass. Cardinal Vincent Nicols.
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass now at Our Lady of Peace, Shotton until further notice.
Monday 16th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Tuesday 17th <small>St. Patrick</small>	9.30 am.	Mass Private Intention (AA)
Wednesday 18th	9.30 am.	Mass. Margaret Harding (RIP) (Elizabeth Cronin)
Thursday 19th <small>St Joseph</small>	9.30 am.	Mass. Kathleen Green (RIP) (Cath Walsh)
Friday 20th	9.30 am.	Mass. School Yrs. 5 & 1 in <u>St. Gregory’s school</u> Vincent Murphy (RIP)
21/22nd March 2020, 4th Sunday of Lent.		
Saturday 21st <small>Passing of St. Benedict</small>	5.30 pm.	Mass. John McKay (RIP) & family. (Francis McKay)
Sunday 22nd	11.15am.	Mass. People of the Parish.
Confessions: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am (please wait in the parish room)		
Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.		
14/15th March 2020, 3rd Sunday of Lent.		
Sunday 15th	9.30 am.	Mass. People of the Parish.
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass.
	4.00 pm.	Stations of the Cross
21/22nd March 2020, 4th Sunday of Lent.		
Sunday 22nd	9.30 am.	Mass. Mike Lowe (Sarah Sharp)

- **GIFT AID** talk at all Masses this weekend.
- **SICK COMMUNIONS** suspended until further notice. Would Eucharistic Ministers please keep in regular contact with their sick by 'phone to ensure that they are ok, or if they need anything.
- **FR CLEMENT** will be with us from 17th until 25th March.
- **THE ROSARY** is said after Tuesday morning Mass for peace in the Middle East.
- **TALKS ON JOHN'S GOSPEL** by Marina Smith. Tuesdays in Lent at the **BIBLE GROUP**. The BIBLE GROUP meets on Tuesdays 7.30pm in the Parish room. It meets every week to review the following Sunday's readings. All welcome.
- **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.
- **HOLY HOUR:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.00pm on Thursdays in the parish room. All are welcome.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS.** Sundays in Lent at 4pm at **Our Lady Peace Shottery**. Car parking charges will not apply until 5pm.
- **LENT LUNCH OLP Saturday 21st March** has been **CANCELLED**.
- **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.
- **S.V.P. MEETING DATES:** March 16th, April 6th and 20th
- **LUNCH CLUB MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** Please pass the message on to fellow attendees.
- **OLP.** Refreshments after 09:30 Sunday Mass are **CANCELLED** until further notice.
- **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. Car parking charges will not apply until 5pm.
- **LIFE CHARITY** would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations in the recent annual collection. It will enable Life to continue their work supporting women and babies in crisis and upholding the sanctity of life.
- **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.
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – 9.30am Mass, term time at Our Lady of Peace. All children welcome from Reception year to First Communion year. There are also resources for Toddler age children and their parents in the Family room.
- **VACANCIES.** St. Gregory's school are advertising for two TA positions. Please see <https://www.st-gregs.org.uk/current-school-vacancies/> Closing date 23rd March.
- **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
- **RECYCLING FOR LIFE.** Recyclable items include mobile phones, INKJET cartridges (not other cartridges), unwanted gold and silver jewellery including damaged items, costume jewellery and watches; banknotes and coins of any age in any currency; video cameras, old film cameras, digital cameras, sat navs, game consoles and accessories, iPods, MP3 players; loose single stamps, stamp albums, first day covers and presentation packs. To date we have raised over £950 for Life by recycling these items. Please have a good turnout to raise money for Life and place items in the boxes at the back of the churches or at St Gregory's School.
- **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.
- **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.