

## 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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**Prayers for the Sick and Housebound:** Mary Barratt, Roy Baylis, Silver Beckham Bazira, Margaret Bullen, Vincent Coleman, Sophie Connor, Louise Cooke, Gladys Cuscito, Carol Denny, Gary Denstone, Roy Donnelly, Aubrey Dreyden, Gabrielle Edwardes, Patricia Elliot, Mary Foster, Barry Geedon, Maureen Harper, Brian Harrison, Anthony Hathaway, Maureen Hunt, Adelina Coccozza, Bill Johnson, Anne Kingland, Mike Lowe, Mildred Madden, Tom Mahon, Ted Martyn, Dominic Momcilovic, Helena Myczko, Don O'Donnell, Jean O'Neill, Tom O'Hare, Anne Parkinson, Reg Pillinger, Vera Roche, John Somers, Jocelyn Southall, Cynthia Thompson, Cristina Valentino, Dennis Walsh, Ann and Brian Weston, David Wescott, Suzie Weston, Noel Wheatle, Margaret Young, Christopher Browne, Catherine Browne, Sandra Fenn, Maciej Grudzinski, Mary Mullett, James McHugh, Mary Murphy, and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes and known to us.

**Anniversaries in April :** John Corvin, Nesta Barnacle, William Lees, Bridget Nield, Shelia Fryer, Doris Horgan, Alexander Chapman, Rachel Bird, Kenneth Whateley, Emma Hartnell, Brian Wilson, Catherine Swinnerton, Amy Finch, Rodger Wade, Vicki Crowton, Aniello Valentino, Kam Fung Lee, Sandi Bottone, Mary Bryan, Norma Coleman, Patricia Elliott.

**Lately Dead:** Mrs Christine Grace

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: Leonardo Cuscito.

### **Recent Collections.**

Weekend 7/8<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Loose: £ 712.00 Gift Aid: £ 1076.00 Boxes: £93.25

Thank you for your generosity.

<b>14/15<sup>th</sup> April. Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)</b>		
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Kiulehan Family (RIP) (F. Woodhouse)
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish
	<b>1.00 pm.</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Mary O'Boyle (RIP) (S.V.P.)
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Mick Snell (RIP) (SVP)
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am.</b>	<b>Requiem Mass - Maureen McNally</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Sheela Burchill (RIP)
<b>21/22<sup>nd</sup> April. Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)</b>		
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <i>St. Anselm</i>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Jack & Tess Gallagher (RIP) & family Frances McKay & family.
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Joan Davies (anniversary) (Catheryn Nash)
<b>NO Confessions: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shottery.</b>		
<b>14/15<sup>th</sup> April. Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)</b>		
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Erskin boys (RIP) (Mike Lowe)
<b>21/22<sup>nd</sup> April. Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)</b>		
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish

**We welcome to our congregation visitors to Stratford and those who have recently moved into our Parish. Do please make yourselves known to the Priest.**

**The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and Douai Abbey Parishes Trust.  
Registered Charity Number 1063237**

- **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 21/22<sup>nd</sup> April for Clergy Training Fund. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **WALK OF WITNESS 2018.** A very big thank you to all those who helped in many different ways to make this a successful event. It is greatly appreciated.
- **GIFT AID** boxes for 2018/19 can be collected from both churches this weekend.
- **SVP Dates:** 21<sup>st</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September.
- **NEXT ALTAR SERVERS CLUB** on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 5pm – 6pm.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are 23<sup>rd</sup> April, & 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018. 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 is important for catering numbers.
- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS RETREAT DAY.** Here are two opportunities for Eucharistic Ministers to fulfil their obligation to undertake an annual day of reflection:
  1. A parish run day on Sat 12 May at the House of the Open Door near Broadway. Starts at 10.30am and finishes around 4pm. Cost £20 and includes lunch. Shared lifts can be arranged. Book early as places limited. See Maureen Thompson at Mass, phone 298678 or email [maureen.thompson@tsix.co.uk](mailto:maureen.thompson@tsix.co.uk) to put your name down.
  2. A day of reflection for Eucharistic ministers at Belmont Abbey near Hereford HR2 9RZ on Sat 2 June 10am – 4pm, led by Dom Matthew Carney. No need to book just turn up, bring your own lunch. Suggested donation £10
- **STRATFORD FOOD BANK** has various opportunities for people who might like to volunteer with the Foodbank. Details of two recently available roles are on the church notice boards and both relate to the administration of the red vouchers which people need to have before they can use the Foodbank. These details are also available on their website along with other volunteer roles. The website address is <https://stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk/>
- **ST. GREGORY'S & OUR LADY OF PEACE** donate to the Stratford Food Bank. Items should have a shelf life of at least 3 months and can be left in the box in the church porch(s). **THANKS** to all who have donated foods so generously.
- **PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND.** Please take a few minutes to read this and if you know of someone who you feel should be added to or taken off this list on the weekly bulletin, please advise the Parish office. We depend on you to keep us informed of changes.
- **Bereavement Team- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at St Gregory's Church.** All are welcome to celebrate Mass with those parishioners who have been bereaved or have experienced loss. Volunteers are needed to make this a special occasion, readers, musicians, servers and help with refreshments. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Church porch.
- **CATHOLIC SINGLES** is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website / email them [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk)
- **PARISHIONERS CONTACT DETAILS FORM.** We need to keep our contact details for you up to date so please advise the Parish Secretary of any changes eg. email address, home address. You may not be on the list if you have not completed a form within the last 2 years. They are useful for lost property, lift sharing, support, home visits etc. Forms are obtainable from the porch. Please complete a form either after mass and put it in the box provided in the porch or return to the Parish Secretary / Parish office. Many thanks for your co-operation.
- **L.P.S. PARISH CAR PARK:** No charges from Saturday 5pm until Sunday 2.45pm. when it is reserved for church use.
- **HOLY HOUR:** 7.00pm on Thursdays. All are welcome.
- **BIBLE GROUP:** Tuesdays 7.30pm. The Bible Group meets every week to review the following Sunday's readings. All welcome.
- **WARWICK DEANERY WEBSITE:** this can now be found at [www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk)
- **BEREAVEMENT TEAM:** parishioners can contact a member of the team on 07592572978 or email [stgregorysbt@gmail.com](mailto:stgregorysbt@gmail.com). or complete a form available in the church porch.
- **GIFT AID:** If you are interested in joining the scheme please contact Clive Hamilton on 01789 488047 or by e-mail [stgregorysgiftaid@aol.co.uk](mailto:stgregorysgiftaid@aol.co.uk). If you are already in the scheme please contact him with any questions you may have or any changes of address or tax status.
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