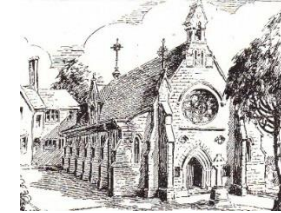


St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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: James McHugh, Mary Barratt, Dennis Barratt, Mena Burn, Sophie Connor, Patricia Elliott, Mary Foster, Maciej Grudzinski, Ann Kingland, Anne Hamilton, Maureen Harper, Brian Harrison, Anthony Hathaway, Maureen Hunt, Tony Jones, Phil Kendrick, Margaret Lamb, John Leary, Mildred Madden, Peggy Madden, Ted Martyn, Rory Mahon, Mary Murphy, Christopher O'Brien, Vera Roche, Margaret Somers, John Somers, Christina Valentino, Anne Parkinson, Margaret Young, Helena Myczko, Barbara Woodgates, Jeanie Moore, Bernie Fletcher 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, Charles Ramsey, Ellen Mahon, Katarzyna Sieczka, Val Tryer, Ted Cust, Henry Yates, Czeslaw Chetnik, Catherine Whateley, Joan Dilworthy, Jim Connor, Maureen Martyn, Raymond Jack, Thomas Armstrong, Fiona Collins, Ryszard Werbel, Kathleen Roper, Pat Petty, Mike Zygmunt, John Taylor, Jennifer Harrison, Maureen McNally, Lyliane Holtom, Maggie O'Gara, Jean Igoe, Mary Owen,

Lately dead and their bereaved: Eileen McLaughlin, Alveen Moore ('Janie').

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: L. Cuscito.

Recent Collections.

Weekend 23/24th March 2019. Loose: £ 548.79 Gift Aid: £561.84 Boxes: £77.56 CAFOD £1182.74 and S.V.P. a further amount of £535.00

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:

Mandy Bennett. Contact details: email: mandycbennett@icloud.com tel: 07787 120232

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

Registered Charity Number 1063237

30/31st March 2019, 4th Sunday of Lent (Year C)		
Saturday 30th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Gladys Cuscito (LD) (Barbara Grace)
Sunday 31st	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
	4.30 pm.	Stations of the Cross
Monday 1st	9.30 am.	Communion Service
Tuesday 2nd	9.30 am.	Mass. Mrs. Blanch (RIP) (Mary McDonnell)
	10.00 am.	Rosary.
Wednesday 3rd	9.30 am.	Mass. Eilish Steele (RIP) (Nuala & family)
Thursday 4th	11.30 am. 7 - 8.00 pm	Funeral of Eileen McLaughlin Exposition.
Friday 5th	9.30pm	Mass for the lately dead and those whose anniversaries have occurred in the last 3 months
6/7th April 2019, 5th Sunday of Lent (Year C)		
Saturday 6th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Bernard Molloy (Recovery) (A. Molloy)
Sunday 7th	11.15 am.	Mass. People of the Parish.
Confessions: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am		
Our Lady of Peace, Shottonery.		
30/31st 2019, 4th Sunday of Lent (Year C)		
Sunday 31st	9.30 am.	Mass. Mike Smith (RIP) (T & E Mahon)
6/7th April 2019, 5th Sunday of Lent (Year C)		
Sunday 7th	9.30 am.	Mass. Peter O'Connor (RIP) (C.W.L.)

- **CAFOD EMERGENCY CYCLONE IDAI APPEAL:** a second collection will be taken weekend of 13/14th April. Your donation will give food, clean water and urgent healthcare to these people in desperate need of help. CAFOD Gift Aid envelopes will be available from both churches.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 6/7th April for Flowers for the Churches. Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank-you.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Sunday in Lent at 4.30pm at St. Gregory's.
- **RCIA COURSE FOR CONVERTS** continues on Friday evenings at 7pm in the Presbytery. Instruction for those interested in becoming Catholics and being received into the church. Please submit names to the Parish office. Please encourage anyone you know: it is central to our mission that we share our wonderful faith.
- **EASTER TRIDUUM:** Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, watchers, feet to be washed (Maundy Thursday). If you can help, please sign rota(s) in St. Gregory's porch.
- **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2019** – If you feel you would like more of God in your life, these seminars are an opportunity to make the Wednesday evenings between Easter and Pentecost steps on a personal faith journey. All are welcome, whether you are a new seeker with no faith, a member of another faith congregation or a seasoned Catholic whose faith simply needs refreshing. **Not sure? Why not put the Introductory Evening on 24th April (7.30 – 9.30 p.m.) in your diary and decide after that.**
- **THE HOLY FATHER'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION.** Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities. That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.
- **SVP Dates:** next meeting dates are 1st & 15th April.
- **LUNCH CLUB MEETING.** The next meeting dates are 29th April, 20th May, 24th June, 29th July. 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.
- **CWL.** Members please note that we shall meet on Wednesday, 3rd April 2019 and again on Wednesday, 1st May 2019. Anyone interested in what we do is welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat.
- **OLP REPOSITORY.** A wide variety of cards and religious items are always available. Please ask if you cannot see what you require on display as items not in stock can easily be ordered. Contact details can be found on the noticeboard.
- **CHARITY FLAT AVAILABLE:** Municipal Charities of Stratford upon Avon currently have a one-bedroom flat available in Guild Street which would be ideal for an individual or couple looking for low cost, self-contained housing with a discreet

level of support. For more details, please see the notice on the notice board at the back of churches.

- **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, 25th – 31st May 2019.** Anyone interested in going on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year should contact Sharron Jagers at www.tangey-tours.com for information, booking forms and brochures. Also available on www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk Please note there will not be a separate parish group going this year.
- **NURSES NEEDED TO SUPPORT SICK PILGRIMS.** Every year the diocese brings sick pilgrims to Lourdes, a pilgrimage that they cannot make without the support from the wonderful doctors and nurses who come with us. We are short on nurses this year and without your expertise we cannot bring as many ill pilgrims to have the wonderful experience of Lourdes. The pilgrimage runs from 25-31 May. If you can help and for more information and contact details, please visit the Lourdes Hospitalite website.
- **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.
- **THE ROSARY** will be 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.
- **DIOCESAN WEBSITE** to found at: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk
- **WARWICK DEANERY WEBSITE:** this can now be found 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.

EASTER SERVICES

Weds. 17th April: Chrism Mass, 11.30am St. Chad's Cathedral.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday: 8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, procession and watching.

Good Friday: 10.30am. Walk of Witness
3.00pm. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion.

Holy Saturday: 9.00pm. The Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday: 9.30am. Family Mass at Our Lady of Peace
11.15am. Solemn High Mass at St. Gregory's.