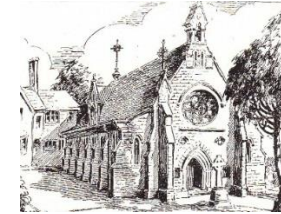


## St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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:** Cath Austin, Mary Barratt, Roy Baylis, Silver Beckham Bazira, Margaret Bullen, Vincent Coleman, Sophie Connor, Louise Cooke, Gladys Cuscito, Carol Denny, Gary Denstone, Roy Donnelly, Gabrielle Edwardes, Patricia Elliot, Mary Foster, Barry Geedon, Maureen Harper, Brian Harrison, Anthony Hathaway, Mary Hedderman, Maureen Hunt, Andree Jones, Bill Johnson, Margaret Kay, Anne Kingland, Mary Lamming, Mike Lowe, Mildred Madden, Tom Mahon, Isabelle Mantella, Ted Martyn, Dominic Momcilovic, Helena Myczko, Maria Naldi, Don O'Donnell, Jean O'Neill, Tom O'Hare, Anne Parkinson, Reg Pillinger, Vera Roche, John Somers, Cynthia Thompson, Cristina Valentino, David & Frances Westcott, Suzie Weston Noel Wheatle, Margaret Young, Aubrey Dreyden, and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes and known to us.

**Anniversaries in October:** Margarite Allard, Anne Dyke, Patricia Waters, Jean Murphy, Gerald Morris, Witold Pozarycai, David Harrison, Hilda Ford, Margaret Bliss, Hilda Ford, Irene Chidzik, Frances Seeney, , Georgina Hilton, Czeslav Olejniczak, Kathleen Wright, Peter Robinson, Mary Saddington, John Kelly, Katarzyna Sokalski, Ronald Bouverat, Margaret Mayhew.

**Lately Dead:** John Russell, Michael McNamee (Kevins' father), the victims of flooding, earthquake and world terrorist attacks.

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: Bridie Gurney & Patti Crocket.

**Recent Collections.**

Weekend 30/1<sup>st</sup> October 2017. Loose: £ 463.91 Gift Aid: £ 551.26 Boxes: £ 94.80  
SVP: £ 1661.79. Holy Ghost Fathers: £660.30

Thank you for your generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** this weekend, 8<sup>th</sup> October for Harvest Fast (CAFOD). Gift Aiders please use the appropriate dated envelope, cheques payable to St. Gregory's R.C. Parish. Thank you.

**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

<b>7/8<sup>th</sup> October, the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Gerald Morris (RIP anni) Doreen Morris
	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am 2.00pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Patricia Elliott (RIP) Funeral of John Russell at Oakley Wood
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Elizabeth Cosgrave (RIP) (Maureen Martin)
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> School Yrs 5 & 3. Michael McNamee (RIP) (Kevin McNamee)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Intentions of John Derek & Shelia
<b>14/15<sup>th</sup> October, the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>		
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Barbara Evans (anni) (Terry Evans)
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Catenian Past Presidents & their ladies (Doreen Morris)
<b>Confessions: Saturdays 10.30-11.30am at St. Gregory's.</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.</b>		
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<b>14/15<sup>th</sup> October, the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>		
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- **OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY** -it will be said after weekday Masses during the month.
- **HARVEST THANKSGIVING DISPLAY** 8<sup>th</sup> October at Our Lady of Peace 9.30am Mass. All are welcome to bring produce in thanksgiving. Items can be brought on the Saturday morning from 10am or to Mass on the Sunday. Fresh produce will be sold after Mass for CAFOD. Items like tins and packets will go to the Foodbank. Pope Francis has called us to live simply, let us share what we have with others.
- **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** – Weds, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm in the Parish room.
- **SILENCE BEFORE MASS:** please try to maintain a prayerful quiet before mass and talk to God rather than your friends. People are welcome to use the family room at Our Lady of Peace or the parish room at St. Gregory's or the outside benches for catching up.
- **PRIZE-WINNING FILM: 'THE 13th DAY'**. "Whether your interest lies in **historical, factual** or **extraordinary** events, 'The 13th Day' is a film for you! The true story of events in Fatima, Portugal (1916-17) leading up to the great phenomena/miracle of the sun as witnessed by over 70,000 people of many beliefs and none, which took place on Oct 13th 1917, exactly 100 years ago. Suitable for all ages. An independent showing of this prize-winning film..... not to be missed!"  
Date: October 13th (Friday). Time: 7pm (doors open 6.30pm. Venue: Bidford-on Avon, Crawford Memorial Hall, Salford Rd, B50 4EZ (just off the A46). Entry: Only £2 (any profit donated to Aid to the Church in Need). Refreshments, and FREE parking! For more information contact Rosalind-Marie Fallon 07789 282689.
- **SVP:** Next meeting are 16<sup>th</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December.
- **LUNCH CLUB.** next meeting dates are Mondays 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 13<sup>th</sup> November. If you have booked any lunch and then are unable to attend, please contact Helen on 01789 550545, or Val on 01789 293267, this is important for catering numbers.
- **THANKSGIVING MASSES FOR THE DEAD AND BEREAVED:** celebration masses in thanksgiving for the lives of those lately dead and praying for those whose anniversaries occur each month and their families. The next mass will be on 27th October, at 7.00 pm at St Gregory's church. Other date for your diary: 24th November. For more information contact the bereavement team on 07592572978 or email [stgregorysb@gmail.com](mailto:stgregorysb@gmail.com).
- **ST. GREGORY'S SCHOOL TESCO BAGS OF HELP SCHEME.** St. Gregory's School needs your support! Chosen as one of Tesco's "Bags of Help" charities for September and October, we are fundraising for much needed new equipment for our playground. You can support us by asking for blue tokens when you make purchases in the Birmingham Road store and the Banbury Road Tesco Metro, placing it in the box for St. Gregory's Playground Project by the store entrances. The charity with the most tokens will be awarded £4000. Thank you.
- **ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS,** on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. OPEN AFTERNOONS at 1.30pm on 12th October. Prospective

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parents of Reception age children (September 2018) are warmly invited to come and look around the school, and to meet our Headteacher, Mrs Jane McNally. If you would like any further information, please contact the School Office tel: 01789 204517.

- **FATIMA NEWS. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** marks the centenary of Our Lady's last apparition and great miracle at Fatima. St Peter's, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE is a pilgrimage church for the Birmingham archdiocese during the Fatima Centenary Year. This will be the last chance to gain the special indulgence when you visit St Peter's on that day: Blessed Sacrament from 9.30am to 12.20pm and 5pm to 6pm. There will be a special votive Mass for Our Lady of Fatima at 12.30pm. Please see the pilgrim leaflet by the Fatima display area opposite the piety shop for details of the indulgence and other resources. Further information contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)
- **WELCOMING BACK TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH:** on Saturday 28th October 10am-4pm at the Maryvale Institute, parish groups from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham are invited to attend. The day will be filled with practical tips and welcoming people back to the Catholic Faith. Included in the day there will be a workshop on how to run a **Come Home for Christmas Campaign** in your parish. To book places please contact Natalie Orefice via email: [parishevang@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:parishevang@maryvale.ac.uk) or phone 07718910585.
- **DOUAI ABBEY:** Monastic Experience Weekends. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018. An invitation to men (aged 18-40) to meet the Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey, Berkshire, and to explore our Monastic Experience Programme. Further information: Fr. Gabriel Wilson OSB. [pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk](mailto:pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk) tel: 0118971 5310
- **L.P.S. 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 [stgregorysb@gmail.com](mailto:stgregorysb@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.
- **PARISH OFFICE:** The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings. Telephone 01789 292439. Please note: Monday is Fr. Alex's day off.

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