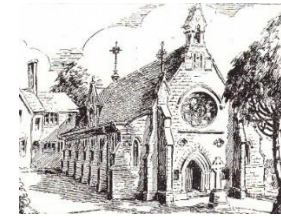


St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

Parish Priest:
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Open Tuesday,
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The Sick and Housebound: Mary Barratt, Dennis Barratt, Mena Burn, Sophie Connor, Gary Denstone, Patricia Elliott, Maurice Fisher, 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, Rory Mahon, Mary Murphy, Vera Roche, John Somers, Christina Valentino, Anne Parkinson, Margaret Young, Helena Myczko, Barbara Woodgates, 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 August: Barbara Masslen, John Purves, Mary Young, Pauline Lees, Kathleen Kilbride, Sheela Burchill, Maria Fowler, Anne Dyke, Clarice Leary, Teresa Vaughan, Kay Finch, Frederick Tew, Stuart Cooke, John Leeson, Majorie Terrall, Roy Donnelly, Peter Holiday, Angela Pritchard.

Lately dead and their bereaved: Manuela Mogort-Valls, James McHugh.

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 10/11th August 2019. Loose: £575.20 Gift Aid: £545.46 Boxes: £65.07
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

17/18th August 2019, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year C)		
Saturday 17th	5.30 pm.	Mass. Peter Taft (RIP) (Marie Taft)
Sunday 18th	11.15 am.	Mass. Larry Feeney (anniversary) (Joan Feeney)
	1.00 pm.	Polish Mass
Monday 19th	9.30 am.	Communion Service.
Tuesday 20th	9.30 am.	Mass. Dr. Hamish Nicol (anniversary) (Mary Nicol)
Wednesday 21st <i>St. Bernard</i>	9.30 am.	Mass. Sheela Burchill (RIP)
Thursday 22nd <i>St. Pius</i>	9.30 am 7 - 8.00 pm	Mass. Bernadette Fletcher (RIP) (Edmund Blackie) Exposition
Friday 23rd	9.30 am	Mass. Peter Tychanskj (RIP) (Malynowskj Family)
24/25th August 2019, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Year C)		
Saturday 24th <i>St. Bartholomew</i>	5.30 pm.	Mass. Bernadette Fletcher (RIP) (Marie Taft)
Sunday 25th	11.15 am.	Mass. David Chappell (RIP)(Elizabeth Cronin)
No Confessions in August.		
Our Lady of Peace, Shotton.		
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- At the end of the Masses this weekend Fr Clement will talk to us about the work he is doing in Nigeria with Justice Development and the Peace/Caritas Commission. He will be appealing for support and help to bring smiles to the downtrodden.
- **WONDERS OF WASTE -WoW bags** - will be on sale after Mass at w/e of 10/11 and 17/18 August. The bags are made in the Philippines using 100% recycled plastic drink packs. WoW is an environmental livelihood project. It helps families who find themselves in extreme poverty in the Columbian Parish of Malate in Manila. The charity works to Fair Trade criteria and links poverty reduction with environmental activism. WoW enables poor families to earn a regular income, offers a simple solution to the disposal of plastic waste and is a practical way to address issues of poverty. The bags are quite expensive, (*up to £20*) yet all the bags are hand-made, will last for life and all those involved in the production process are paid a fair wage. Please help if you can. WoW – changing lives one bag at a time.... *WoW bags are all the rage in Paris and Milan!*
- **PRAYER DAYS FOR VOCATIONS – WARWICK DEANERY.** Please attend these forthcoming Eucharistic Adoration Days for Vocations if you possibly can. Tuesday 20/08/2019 - St Francis of Assisi Baddesley Clinton. Tuesday 27/08/2019 is our annual day of adoration here at St Gregory's.
- **NEWMAN'S CANONISATION - PILGRIMAGE TO ROME** Friday 11th – Monday 14th October 2019. Includes Newman's Canonisation Mass at St Peter's on Sunday 13th October. Flying from Stansted. Coach transfers to and from the airport are included in the cost as is Bed and Breakfast. Picking up from Birmingham and Stratford. Rome Tax extra. Cost: £550 - sharing. £600 - single rooms (limited). Deposit: £150. Weekend also includes English-speaking tour guide and the opportunity to visit some of the sites of Rome in a combination of walking tours and coach travel. Book online at www.northernstartravel.com/Tours/Rome or phone by contacting Adrian Duffy at Northern Star Travel 0161 773 2115, mobile: 07821 924528. Email: info@northernstartravel.com. For more information contact Andrew Oldnall 07733 226063 or email: andrewsoldnall@gmail.com Fr. Alex and a number of parishioners will be taking part in this. Come and join us.
- **LUNCH CLUB MEETING.** The next meeting dates are 16th September and 14th October. 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.
- **S.V.P. MEETING DATES:** August: NONE, 2nd & 16th September, October 7th & 21st, November 4th & 18th, December 2nd & NONE.
Saturday 21st September, 5.30pm - St Gregory's SVP 40th Anniversary Mass and Tea
- **THE HOLY FATHER'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION:** Families, Schools of Human Growth. That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".
- **"THE SOWER"**, the summer edition of the Archdiocese magazine is available free of charge from the church porches.
- **HEALTH & SAFETY** is an area which we need to take much more seriously to guarantee the wellbeing of all our parishioners. I have appointed Betty Fleetwood as Parish H&S contact for the Archdiocese.
- **CHARITY SKYDIVE.** Georgia Watson would be grateful for sponsorship for a skydive for Birmingham Community Health Care Trust. As a new worker for the NHS she sees high demand for services in this, England's second city and would like to help to give the best possible care. Georgia is a former pupil of St. Gregory's School and was an altar server and Eucharistic Minister for St. Gregory's church. You can donate through her justgiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/georgia-watson-skydive> or alternatively her mother, Mary Watson will collect and pass donations on.
- **ROSARIES:** any unwanted rosaries can be sent to the Catenian Rosary Group for the Aborigines in Australia and Missions in the 3rd world African countries. We will continue to collect them at St Gregory's so please continue to leave them in the box in the porch for periodic forwarding.
- **OLP REPOSITORY.** A wide variety of cards and religious items is always available. Please ask if you cannot see what you require on display as items not in stock can usually be ordered easily. Contact details can be found on the noticeboard.
- **OLP CAR PARK:** now operates as a Pay and Display LPS car park, as at St. Gregory's. There is no charge on Sundays for mass attenders.
- **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** 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.