

## St Gregory the Great, Stratford upon Avon

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

**The Sick and Housebound:** Mary Barratt, Dennis Barratt, Mena Burn, Sophie Connor, Elizabeth Cronin, Gary Denstone, 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, Vera Roche, John Somers, Cristina Valentino, Anne Parkinson, Margaret Young, Helena Myczko, Barbara Woodgates, Sue Wilmore, Steven Alford, 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 January:** Martin Guerin, William Dempsey, Madeleine Walker, Gerard McVeigh, Peter O'connor, Bruce Richards, Margaret Evans, Michael Donovan, David Hennigan, Gladys Cuscito, Catherine Ryman, William Green, Frank Kenny, Marguerite Tyler, Margaret Bullen, Antony Corr, Bridget Kiely, Jean Olejniczak, Nora Payne, Thomas O'Neill, Jennifer Snodgrass, Barbara Bell, Mary O'Boyle, Clive Gunter, Wynne Pozzi, Harry Nicholls, Anna Moulder, Bernie Hardy, Elise Dillon, Julie Pool, Fr. John Richardson.

**Lately Dead and their bereaved:** Fr. Brian Doolan (Shipston & Brailes 2007-2018), George McGrory.

**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](mailto:stgregorysbt@gmail.com) or complete a form available in the church porch.

**Church Cleaning:** St Gregory's: M. Bright.

### **Recent Collections.**

Weekend 28/29<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Loose: £466.60 Gift Aid: £376.60 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:**

Mark O'Connell Contact details: email: [mjoc61@icloud.com](mailto:mjoc61@icloud.com) Tel: 07732 686045

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

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[www.stgregorys-stratford.org](http://www.stgregorys-stratford.org)

### **Parish Priest:**

Fr. Alex Austin (OSB)

### **Parish Office:**

Open Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday mornings



### **Address:**

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<b>4/5<sup>th</sup> January 2020, The Epiphany of the Lord.</b>		
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> James Charnock (RIP) (Cziok family.)
<b>Sunday 5<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 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Communion Service.</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Barbara Grace (RIP) (Harold Williams)
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Tom Mahon (RIP) (Margaret Bright)
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30 am.</b>	Funeral of Gordon Hawkins
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Palmerino & Nello Valentino (Cristina Valentino)
<b>11/12<sup>th</sup> January 2020, The Baptism of the Lord.</b>		
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.30 pm.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Bertie Kivlehan (anniversary) (Francis Woodhouse)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Amiello Valentino & family (Cristina Valentino)
<b>Confessions: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am</b>		
<b>Our Lady of Peace, Shottery.</b>		
<b>4/5<sup>th</sup> January 2020, The Epiphany of the Lord.</b>		
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> Margaret Bright & family (M. Lowe)
<b>11/12<sup>th</sup> January 2020, The Baptism of the Lord.</b>		
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am.</b>	<b>Mass.</b> People of the Parish.

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FR. ALEX

*Wishes everyone a Blessed New Year. He thanks all who have worked so hard for the parish over the past year & thanks everyone for all the generous cards, presents and Christmas offerings.*

- **CLIMATE CHANGE** Tom Baxter will be speaking about Environmental issues after masses this weekend, 4/5<sup>th</sup> January,
  - **ST. GREGORY'S BUILDING WORKS.** The Altar has been removed for restoration and replaced with a temporary altar. The font has been moved to St Joseph Chapel and new radiators installed. The full church renovation will begin in February and hopefully will be completed by Easter.
  - **LUNCH CLUB MEETING.** The next meeting dates are 20<sup>th</sup> January, 17<sup>th</sup> February and 16<sup>th</sup> March. 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 it is important for catering numbers.
  - **CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January there will be a meeting with parents and children to explain the programme for next year's First Holy Communion. The meeting will be held at Our Lady of Peace Shottery at the end of the 9.30am Mass. For more information please contact Giulia Tranquilli on 07717 327073 or by email at [giulia.tranquilli@gmail.com](mailto:giulia.tranquilli@gmail.com).
  - **CWL.** Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at 2 p.m. in the Parish Room. Subs are due.
  - **S.V.P. MEETING DATES:** January 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>
  - **THE HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION: Promotion of World Peace.** We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.
  - **CATHOLIC INSTRUCTION FOR CONVERTS.** Classes for those wishing to become Catholics begin in February. Please encourage anyone who might be interested. Please submit names to the office.
- Fr. ALEX'S 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION** and his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday is on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020. There will be a Mass at 3pm followed by a reception at St. Gregory's school. On that date the 11.15am will be a low Mass and the 3pm Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. All parishioners are warmly invited. If you wish to attend please sign the lists at the back of the churches as space could be limited.

- **A BIG THANK YOU** to Diane Hunt who very generously donated a hamper which we were able to raffle. We raised a brilliant total of £70 for Mary's Meals.
- **HOLY HOUR:** 7.00pm on Thursdays. All are welcome.
- **OLP REPOSITORY** A wide range of gifts and cards are currently available, including diaries and calendars for 2020. Any items required that are not in stock can usually be obtained within a few days. Contact details can be found on the noticeboard.
- **THE ROSARY** is 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.
- **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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)
- **WARWICK DEANERY WEBSITE** at [www.warwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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.