

## St Gregory the Great



## Our Lady of Peace



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Our Lady of Peace	
<b>Address</b>	Church Lane, Shottery, CV37 9HQ

## Times of services

St Gregory the Great		
<b>Sunday</b>	11.15 am	Mass
<b>Monday*</b>	9.30 am	Communion Service
<b>Tuesday*</b>	9.30 am	Mass
<b>Wednesday*</b>	9.30 am	Mass
<b>Thursday*</b>	9.30 am	Mass
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Holy Hour
<b>Friday*</b>	9.30 am	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	10.30 - 11.00am	Confessions*
	5.30pm	Mass
Our Lady of Peace		
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am	Mass

\*The weekly schedule may vary, please check the weekly newsletter available online.

## Social Media

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://stgregorys-stratford.org">https://stgregorys-stratford.org</a>
<b>Livestream</b>	<a href="https://youtube.com/@stgregorysua">https://youtube.com/@stgregorysua</a>

The Catholic Churches of

# St Gregory the Great

with Our Lady of Peace

## Welcome to Our Parish

### General Information



The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and served by Douai Abbey Parishes Trust

## The Parish of St Gregory the Great



Welcome to St Gregory's Stratford-upon Avon, a unique Roman Catholic Parish, the home of the town's Catholic Christian community and part of the universal church. It is the birthplace of Shakespeare and is both an

historic and a typical English market town which receives many visitors from all over the world. It is also home to an international community.

We are a monastic parish run by the Benedictine monks of Douai Abbey in Berkshire. Stratford is situated on the River Avon in the beautiful countryside of South Warwickshire on the edge of the Cotswolds. The parish covers the town of Stratford and the nearby villages, including Shottery, Wilmcote and Snitterfield. Unusually it borders no fewer than eight other catholic parishes: Wooton Wawen, Hampton-on-the-Hill, Warwick, Kineton, Shipston, Chipping Campden, Bidford and Alcester.

All who come here to worship and to visit, are warmly welcomed as God's children and part of God's family. We hope that they may experience God's love and a spirit of profound prayer. St Gregory's aims to foster that love through personal spiritual development, combined with an active expression of faith by participating in parish life, and by reaching out and caring for the wider community.

The Parish of St Gregory the Great was founded in 1852 and the Church of St Gregory the Great was built in 1866. Our Lady of Peace church was built in 1973. The first mass in the Stratford Guild Chapel since the Reformation was celebrated in 1996, this is now an annual event. In 2020 extensive work was carried out in St Gregory the Great and the picture in the other side of the leaflet shows how this now looks.

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## Sacraments

Please contact the parish office or speak to the parish priest if you would like your child baptised or you are thinking about getting married at our church.

## St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Address: St Gregory's Catholic Primary, Avenue Road, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6UZ  
Website: <https://www.st-gregs.org.uk>  
Telephone: 01789 204517

## Children's Liturgy

At the 9.30am Sunday mass at Our Lady of Peace there is a children's Liturgy group.

## Altar Servers

Altar Servers are a very special team of people in our parish. Its members are children and adults who have undertaken a serious responsibility, to serve God, their parish and the priest.

Altar Servers should have already received their First Holy Communion and normally receive the Eucharist whenever they participate in the liturgy.

The team is led by the Master of Ceremonies (MC) who links closely with the Priest, other Ministers and the Parish office to ensure that all the services run smoothly.

Please contact the parish office for more information.

## Faith Development

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or want to know more about your faith then we do run courses for these purposes. Please contact the parish office for more information and to find out how to join.

## Catholic Women's League

The CWL is a worldwide organisation, united in friendship and love, where members use and develop their talents in projects for the world, the nation, the diocese and the parish. Meetings usually take place on the first Wednesday of every month except August. Please contact the parish office for more information.

## Your details

If you have recently moved into our Parish or if we do not have your address, please let us know.

## The Catenians

Catenian membership offers deep and lasting friendship and support to Catholic men at all stages of their lives, whether married or single. This friendship is based on the firm foundation of a shared faith and is enjoyed by their wives (whether Catholic or not), their children and continues after a member's death with widows being supported and involved on a continuing basis. The monthly meeting provides a time for relaxed enjoyment among supporting and faithful friends. Please contact the parish office for more information.

## Bible Group

The Bible Group meet online on Tuesday evenings 7:30pm to 9:00pm. They read and discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday and sometimes explore other parts of the Bible. All are most welcome to come and join us. Please contact the parish office for more information.

## Bereavement Team

The Parish Bereavement Team offer a confidential service and are trained in listening and have a commitment to and understanding of the grieving process. They are there to listen, provide care, support and friendship either through a phone call or visit. They offer a confidential service and ongoing prayer support on behalf of the parish. Please call directly to a team member on 07592 572978 or email: [stgregorysbt@gmail.com](mailto:stgregorysbt@gmail.com) or you may prefer to call the parish office.

## St Vincent de Paul Society

The Society was founded in 1833 by a group of students in Paris. They were challenged to serve the poor of the city and inspired by the example of St Vincent de Paul. In 1844 a group of men came together in London and started the first group in Britain. Today it operates in 153 countries worldwide. They are all volunteers based in parish groups trying to help anyone in need. Our parish group was founded in 1979. Please contact the parish office for more information.