

St Gregory the Great

with Our Lady of Peace



St Gregory's: Warwick Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6UJ. **Livestream** <https://youtu.be/V5VMRudDOIE>.

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The Epiphany of the Lord – 5 January 2025

From Fr Oliver: The logo in the top right corner of this week's Newsletter is for the Jubilee Year which the Pope began by opening the Holy Door in St Peter's, Rome on Christmas Eve. Pope Francis prepared for this Jubilee last year by issuing a document: "Spes non confundit" which translates as "Hope does not disappoint". He calls on all Christians to become pilgrims of hope: "Now the time has come for a new Jubilee when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God."

Here in the parish let us begin to consider different ways in which we might celebrate this Holy Year.

The full document is available online:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html

The diocese also has a good deal of material including a link with CAFOD:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/event/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year-with-cafod>

Fr Oliver would like to thank the parishioners for their generous collection on Christmas Day which amounted to £2635.14 (with more still to come from those who contribute directly through your bank) In diocesan parishes this money (together with the Easter Sunday collections) goes directly to the priest, but in our case it goes to the Abbey, after the deduction of my personal expenses. So thanks again on behalf of the Abbot and Community of Douai Abbey.

Welcome to Mass. If you are visiting or have moved into the parish, welcome and please feel free to introduce yourself to Fr Oliver.

St Gregory's - Mass times & Intentions

- Saturday 4 Jan 5:30pm Tommy Freeman Anniversary (G. Walsh).
- Sunday 5 Jan 11:15am People of the Parish.
- Monday 6 Jan 9:30am Communion Service.
- Tuesday 7 Jan 9:30am Phil Gillespie Lately Dead (T. Evans).
- Wednesday 8 Jan 9:30am Gladys, Giuseppe & Joe Cuscito RIP (L. Cuscito).
- Thursday 9 Jan 9:30am Sylvia Curran Lately Dead (D. Morris).
- Friday 10 Jan 9:30am Andrew Connor (Pat & Peter Connor).
- Saturday 11 Jan 5:30pm People of the Parish.
- Sunday 12 Jan 11:15am To My Loyal Friends and Helpers. God Bless Them All. (D. Payne).

Our Lady of Peace - Mass times & Intentions

- Sunday 5 Jan 9:30am Jessie Lawrence RIP (C. Wilks).
- Sunday 12 Jan 9:30am Doris & George Carlier RIP (L. Cuscito).

St Gregory's. Rosary: Tuesday after 9.30am Mass/Communion Service. **Exposition:** Wednesday after 9:30am Mass. **Holy Hour:** Thursday 6-7pm. **Confessions:** Saturday 10.30-11am.

Collections 22 December: 1st Loose £627.77 1st GA £195.40 **29 December:** £581.38 1st GA £158.60

We Pray for the Sick and the Housebound: Fr Michael White, Fr Alex Austin, Christopher Ironmonger, Margaret Callaghan, Susan Haywood, Philip O'Neill, Kirsty Snow, Moyra Holland, Madeleine Haines, Monica Beirne, Doreen St Louis, P A Joseph, Joan McGarry, James Gray, Phil Kendrick, Chris White, June Jones, Colin Minto, Paul Williams, Mary MacKay, Leo Cusito, Annette Harrison, John Dwan, Mary Davies, Steven Alford, Sophie Connor, Gary Denstone, Anne Hamilton, Maureen Harper, Margaret Lamb, Rory Mahon, Mary

McCarthy, Helena Myczko, Anne Parkinson, Margaret Young and all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes, own homes and known to us. *Please notify the parish office when circumstances change.*

We Pray for the lately deceased and their bereaved families: Fran Dicastiglione, Teresa Valentino, Cristina Valentino, Phil Gillespie, Mary Allen, Remove - Cordula Kempe, Seafield Grant, Joan Banner, Dr Paul Gorner, Susan Scanlon, Mike Lowe, Jessie Lawrence, Barbara Ashfield, Agnes Garfield.

Anniversaries: Paul Manzi-Fe, James Burns, Mary Thompson, Samuel Young, Bruce Richards, Margaret Evans, Phyllis Quinn, Ileene Vaughan, John Tymens, Mary Slavin, Rita McGrory, Stefan Gruszeckyj, Brian Harrison, Mike Donovan, Raymond Elliott, David Hennigan, Gladys Cuscito, Anna Wasiukiewicz, Alojzy Osicki, Margaret Leach, Bronislawa Bachryj, Abina Edmunds, Helen Renney, Ivy Harper, Bernard Aniol, Catherine Ryman.

Bereavement Team. In January we are thinking of those who are caring for people with terminal illnesses and who fear losing them. May they be uplifted by the knowledge that we are thinking of them and praying for them at this time. The Parish Bereavement Team offers a confidential service and its members are trained in listening and have a commitment to and understanding of the grieving process. Please call directly to a team member on 07592 572978 or email: stgregorysbt@gmail.com.

St Vincent de Paul (SVP). Meeting dates: Jan 6 and 20.. The SVP can be contacted through the parish office or call [07980 553298](tel:07980553298).

Parish Committee meetings. Faith in Action. 7pm 15th January 2025. Agenda available on parish website



St Gregory's Heating. We are hoping for work to start next week.

The Bible Group meet at 7.30pm on Tuesdays in St Gregory's Parish Room.

Resources for the Jubilee Year 2025 <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/resources-for-the-jubilee-year-2025>

Deanery News: Minutes available from: [Banbury and Warwick Deanery Pastoral Council Meeting. 21 Nov 2024](#). Banbury and Warwick Deanery website: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>. Birmingham Archdiocese website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk.

Stratford Town Trust - Creating a vibrant and connected community. Find out about their events - <https://www.stratfordtowntrust.co.uk/our-community/events>.

Printed copies of the newsletter are available in both churches in A4 size or the larger A3. If you cannot find large print please ask one of our helpers at Mass. The eNewsletter is available via our website.		
Fire Awareness / Safety: when using Church buildings for activities, please ensure all fire escape doors are unlocked. After the activities have ended and everyone has left, the buildings should be made secure again.		
Safeguarding. The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mark O'Connell. He can be contacted at: sg.stgregorytg.stratforduponavon@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.		
At St Gregory's we operate a 24x7 livestream service: https://www.youtube.com/@stgregorysua . There is signage in the church to show the areas that can be seen. More info https://stgregorys-stratford.org/information/live-streaming/		
Car Parking at St Gregory's and Our Lady of Peace is Free from Saturday from 5pm to Sunday 2.30pm		
Information on the Parish Pastoral Council is available on our website https://stgregorys-stratford.org/ppc/		
	Online donations. Scan the QR code with your smartphone or use the link to make an online donation https://donate.mydona.com/st-gregory-the-great-sua or use the machine in the porch at St Gregory's. Thank you. For more information on donating please see the website or contact the parish office. For Gift Aid please contact Clive Hamilton on 01789 488047 / stgregorysgiftaid@aol.co.uk .	
Banbury & Warwick Deanery: https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk	Birmingham Archdiocese: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk	St Gregory's Primary School: https://stg.magnificat.org.uk
Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank. Donations can be left at St Gregory's and Our Lady of Peace in the donation baskets. For more information about the Foodbank use the following link https://stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk .		
The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and served by Douai Abbey Parishes Trust.		