



The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St Gregory, Longton.
St Maria Goretti, Bentilee.
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fenton.

Parish Clergy Parish Priest: Father David Newell
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


Also: **The Polish Mission** with Fr Jacek Jablonski: based at 43 Watkin Street, Fenton, Stoke on Trent
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Church Locations:

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St Maria Goretti's
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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
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Fenton
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 Access available.  Loop system  Facilities in Longton & Fenton

Parish website: www.longtoncatholic.org.uk

Deanery Website: www.northstaffsdeanery.org.uk Diocesan Website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

The Parish Newsletter for the weekend of
22nd Sunday of Year C 28th August 2022

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Welcome: We wish you a warm welcome to our parishes. If you are a visitor for the day we wish you well, if you are new to the area – please make yourself known to one of the many helpers in our churches who will be pleased to welcome you to our community.

It is a sad fact of life that we also have to remind you to take care of your valuables and purses whilst in church – unfortunately not everyone comes here for the right and correct reasons.

Primary Schools serving our Parishes:

St Gregory's Catholic Academy, Spring Garden Road Longton ST3 2QN Tel: 235340

St Maria Goretti's Catholic Academy, Aylesbury Rd, Bentilee, ST2 0LY Tel: 234737

Our Lady's Catholic Academy, Watkin Street, Fenton ST4 4 NP Tel: 235385

Secondary School:

St Thomas More Catholic Academy, Longton Hall Rd, Longton ST3 2NJ Tel: 882900

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Mass intentions for all Parishes: As the months have passed, they will have been a back log of mass intentions yet to be fulfilled. I believe the fairest way to fulfil the intentions would be to take them one at a time from the mass intention book.

Father will accept mass intentions. On your envelope, please put which church you want the intention said at, who the mass intention is for and place the offering inside the envelope, no need to seal and please hand to Father personally.

The mass intentions will be taken from the requested intentions book as stated above.

St Gregory's Church:

St Gregory's		Time	Mass Intention
27 th	Saturday	5 pm	Nancy Simpson
28 th	Sunday	10 am	Pauline Dowling
29 th	Monday	10am	Sally & Harold Brough
30 th	Tuesday	10 am	Thanksgiving
31 st	Wednesday	10 am	Foe all who are Sick
1 st	Thursday	10 am	Holy Souls
2 nd	Friday	10 am	Canon Grady
3 rd	Saturday	10.30-11.30	Holy Hour and Confession
		5 pm	50 th Wedding Anniv Deacon Tony & Kath
4 th	Sunday	10 am	Nancy Simpson

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:

OLPS		Time	Mass
28 th	Sunday	8.30 am	Deacon Paul & Family
3 rd	Saturday	9 am	Mass
4 th	Sunday	8.30 am	Private Intention (Fr David)

St Maria Goretti:

St Maria Goretti		Time	Mass Intention
28 th	Sunday	12pm	People of the Parish
2 nd	Friday	9.30 am	Eucharistic Service
4 th	Sunday	12pm	People of the Parish

Please pray for the repose of the soul of, Christine Jones. Funeral Service Wednesday 7th Sept 12:00pm, Our Lady's Fenton. Eternal rest grant to her O Lord

Diocese website is useful and is full of information, links and resources.

Attending Mass at All Churches:

- Hands will need to be sanitized both on entering and exiting the church
- Masks are no longer mandatory in Church, if you wish to continue wearing them, please feel free to do so.
- Holy water stoops are now in use, so you can bless yourself when entering and leaving Church.

Update from the Birmingham Diocese when attending Church:

With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughput in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible.
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of transmission is through breath and nasal aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient. If these guidance points are supported, then the churches will continue to be safe places for people to gather for acts of public worship.

Prayers:

We remember and keep in prayers all those who are sick and ill – and those who care for them. We especially remember those who have died in recent weeks, Christine Jones, along with other relatives and friends who have not been in touch with the parish office.

St Gregory's meeting room: Wednesday, Coffee and Teas will be served after Mass followed by a short time of prayer.

St Maria's Tea & Coffee this Sunday after Mass. Then on Sundays after that will be announced.

Prayer requests can be placed in the box at the back of church.

Foodbank:

If it is possible for you to donate any dry goods, etc then a shopping trolley will be in the porch for your donations.

This week they are in need of: Tea Bags, Tinned Desserts, Pasta Sauces, Tinned Soup and Biscuits.

A little update... from St Gregory's, donated the week **8th August 2022 22.59 kg**. Thank you. We are in the need of carrier bags. Please if you have any spare, please could you drop them off at the warehouse. Thank you.

St Maria Goretti will also take food donations. Thank you

Baptism:

For those parents seeking Baptism for their children, the church requires some preparation. At our lady's Fenton please speak to Fr David. At St Maria Goretti's please speak to Ann Newman. For those at St Gregory's our new course will commence in September. Both parents should try to attend, and bring the little ones if you need to. For further details please speak to Fr David.

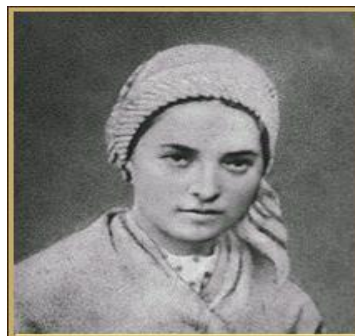
St Gregory's: next Baptism course will be on the 28th September at 7pm.

Lourdes is coming to us

A pilgrimage of the relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, Bernadette Soubirous, is coming to the Archdiocese of Birmingham this October.

The relics will be visiting *St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford* and the *Immaculate Conception in Bicester* over the weekend of 7 - 10 October.

Details can be found on the diocesan website, and it is hoped that we can organise a coach to the visit to Hednesford. More details later.



Details can be found on the diocesan website. We hope to visit the relic at the diocesan Lourdes shrine on the evening of Saturday 8th Oct 10pm to midnight. We are planning to hire a coach and want to know how many might be interested. Please put your name on the list provided at the back of all three churches. approx. cost £20 per person.

I would love to offer some places to our Young adults 16 –25 to come and spend some time with the relic of St Bernardette. Therefore on a first come first booked basis on the coach for a reduced £5 please see Fr David.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford (home of the Diocesan Shrine)

Saturday 8 October, In Church.

10pm - Prayers of Welcome

10.15pm - Midnight - Veneration of the Relics

Midnight - Night Prayer

The North Staffs Walsingham Association is to host a visit from Fr Philip Griffin the Birmingham Archdiocese Walsingham Pilgrimage Co-ordinator. The purpose of his visit is to encourage people from throughout The Deanery, regardless of whether they are Association Members, to visit The National Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham.

Always an interesting speaker, he will introduce those who have never visited to the beauty and significance of this very English place of Pilgrimage, whilst relating too to some of his own personal feelings and experiences whilst in Walsingham. - Our Lady and St Werburgh's, Clayton. Parish Hall 7pm Tuesday 6th September. ALL WELCOME

From Fr Marco: I will be helping with an evening talk for readers and Eucharistic ministers on Tues 13 September, 7-8.30pm at the parish hall at St Wulstan's, Wolstanton. All Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are welcome.

A message from Bishop Stephen.

Having spoken with Archbishop Bernard and with Fr. Paul McNally this message is to give you advance notice that the North Staffs Deanery has been chosen for a Deanery Visitation in 2022-2023. There will be more information about the practicalities later in the summer.

Archbishop Bernard has agreed to have the opening liturgy on Thursday 22nd September at 7pm at Holy Trinity, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Note from Cath: just wanted to say after many years serving the parishes, I'm moving on to do just my British Sign Language Interpreting. Wishing the parishes the very best in the future. Cath

Every Blessing. Fr David