

The Roman Catholic Parishes of



**St Gregory, Longton.
St Maria Goretti, Bentilee.
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fenton.**





Parish Clergy Parish Priest: Canon John Gilbert. VF

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Church Locations:

St Gregory's 8 Heathcote Road Longton ST3 2JU	St Maria Goretti's 137 Aylesbury Road Bentilee ST2 0LU	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Masterson Street Fenton ST4 3QB
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 Access available.  Loop system  facilities in Longton & Fenton
 see the Facebook page: St Gregory's Catholic Church

Parish website: www.longtoncatholic.org.uk

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

Primary Schools serving our Parishes:

St Gregory's Catholic Academy, Spring Garden Road Longton ST3 2QN Tel: 235340	Head: Mrs M Yates
St Maria Goretti's Catholic Academy, Aylesbury Rd, Bentilee, ST2 0LY Tel: 234737	Mrs Z Cooper
Our Lady's Catholic Academy, Watkin Street, Fenton ST4 4 NP Tel: 235385	Mrs K Oakley

Secondary School:

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

The Parish Newsletter for the weekend of
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord- Year C 13th January 2019

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.

Liturgy This Week: LONGTON

Day		Time	Intention	Services
Sat	12 th	5.45 pm	Brenda Middleton	
Sun	13 th	10 am	Doreen Wickseas & Fr V Royles	
Mon	14 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tues	15 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Wed	16 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Thur	17 th			No Service
Fri	18 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Sat	19 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
		5.45 pm	Elizabeth Thompson	
Sun	20 th	10am	Canon Grady	

Liturgy This Week: BENTILEE

Day		Time	Intention	Services
Sun	13 th	10.30am	Frank Higginson	
Mon	14 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Thur	17 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Fri	18 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Sun	20 th	10.30am	Beryl Cummings	

Liturgy This Week: FENTON

Day		Time	Intention	Services
Sun	13 th	9 am	Paul & Peter Rowley	
Sun		11am 2pm 7pm		Polish Masses
		<i>The Polish community will celebrate Mass each day this week – for the times please check their newsletter</i>		
Sat	19 th	9 am	Paul & Peter Rowley	
Sun	20 th	9 am	Vera Walker & Deceased Family	
		11am 2pm 7pm		Polish Masses

The Saturday morning Mass at Fenton will be at 9am and will be a joint English/Polish Mass by Fr Jacek. On the Second Saturday of each month this will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.15am.

Parish Finance:

Longton: Total £1368.31 (GA £937.71, PG £133.00).

Bentilee: Total £ 129.07 (GA £67.00 PG £39.36).

Fenton: Total £160.94 (GA £62.06 PG £41.50).

Our Sunday Scriptures:

1st Reading: (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11). The prophet is urged to deliver a message of hope and consolation to the exiles in Babylon. Like a shepherd caring for his sheep, God is coming to save his people.

2nd Reading: (Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7). This talks about the kind of life the baptised should live and the kind of ambitions that should motivate them. Salvation, with its hope of eternal life, is a gift from God through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22). This reading gives us a snatch of John the Baptist's preaching and concludes with a brief account of the Baptism of Jesus.

Prayers: Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick or ill, those who are housebound and those who care for them. Also remember those who have died recently, Thomas Riddle and all whose anniversaries are about this time. Eternal rest, unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

0121 230 6240

Or independent of the Church the NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Parish Safeguarding**Co-ordinators:**

Longton: Tessa Taylor

Fenton: Christine Bagnall

Bentilee: Susan Lyons

Feast Days This Week:

Sun: Feast of the Baptism of .
the Lord

Thur: St Anthony

Sat: St Wulstan

Sun: 2nd Sunday in Year C

Bentilee:**Sanctuary Lamp:****Fenton:****Blue Lamp:****Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at Fenton on Saturday Mornings after the morning Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:**Longton:**

Bentilee: after Mass on Sundays

Fenton: 8.30 am Sunday Mornings

The Royal Stoke University Hospital. Ring the Chaplaincy Office on 01782 676400 and leave a name & ward number. **When someone is ill...** If you, or someone you know, becomes ill and is no longer able to get to Mass PLEASE inform the presbytery. We can arrange a visit via the SVP, or a Minister to bring Holy Communion to them at home.

Stoke on Trent Foodbank. All three of our churches are still collecting your kind donations to the local Foodbank. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Parish Pilgrimages: NOW is the time to start and plan for this years. In 2019 we are aiming to travel to the Holy Land in October half-term. A leaflet about the Holy Land is now available – Booking Forms now available.

Contactless Payments for your collection.

This week we have eventually received our new Contactless Payment machine for use at St Gregory's. This means that you can make a donation (pay your collection) using a contactless debit or credit card. The machine has three "set" amounts. A default of £3, and options for £5 or £10. This is part of a Diocesan trial (only five parishes will be using the machines) and its results will be monitored closely by the Diocesan Treasurers Offices. If you would wish to use the machine –but are unsure please ask and we will assist you.

Our Regular Events:

St Vincent de Paul meets at St Gregory's on 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month 7.30pm

Ladies Guild meets at St Gregory's on 3rd Tuesday of each month

Union of Catholic Mothers meets at St Maria Goretti.

Journey in Faith course meets at St Gregory's – Thursdays of term time 7.30pm.

Tea Coffee Cakes and Social meets at St Gregory's after the 5.45pm Mass on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays also

On Wednesday mornings after the Morning Mass – all are welcome.

Tea Coffee and Social after Mass each Sunday at St Maria Goretti

50/50 Club: Subs are now due. £12 per year per number. Please see Peter Capper, Ann Burgess or June Brough who will happily take your payments from you.

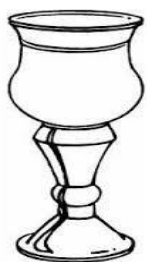
Parishes Quiz Night: Saturday 26th January 7.30pm we have a Parishes Quiz Night. At St Gregory's Primary Academy. Teams of 4 maximum of 6, costs £1 per person, bring your own refreshments, coffee & tea provided. All welcome, if you are not in a team, come along and you can join a team. Register on the night.

Barn Dance: Saturday 16th March 7.30pm, St Gregory's Primary Academy. Join Stephen Shone and James, bring your own refreshments, tea and coffee provided. All welcome, tickets £5 Adults, £3 under 14 yrs old. Tickets now available from the piety stall.

Ladies Guild: Lunch at The Royal Oak, Dilhorne on Monday January 28th at 12.30pm. Please put your name on the list at the back of Church if you are interested. We can arrange lifts for those who don't drive.

VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE

Over the past few months a specially blessed prayer chalice has travelled to various parishes within our deanery. The chalice will be with us at St Gregory’s for the month of January, to assist us in praying for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated life. “Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone”. Thank you for your willingness to be that “someone” (*Pope Francis April 2013*)



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, make me a better person; considerate towards others, honest with myself, faithful to you. Help me to find my true vocation in life and so to find happiness myself and bring happiness to others. May those who you call to the priesthood, the diaconate or the religious life have the generosity to answer your call, and so may those who need your help always find it, and give you glory for ever and ever. Amen

	This Week		Next Week	
	5.45	10 am	5.45	10am
Readers	I Colclough	J Parry	M Ryan M Ryan	D Ball
Offertory	P Hitchen M Barnett	S Barker J Atkinson-Povey	J Atkinson-Povey L Colclough	C Blurton + 1
Eucharistic Ministers	G Sweetmore J Rattos	F Nkwi A Thompson	P Clough M Simpson	S McKenna J Parry
Cleaners	Team B		Team C	
Counters	Team 5		Team 6	

Bentilee Rota

Fenton Rota

	This Week	Next Week		This Week	Next Week
	10.30 am	10.30 am		9 am	9 am
Readers	R Chadwick M Yates	M Toon S Firth		D Bayley E Coxon	P Gallacher Rae-Anne
Eucharistic Ministers	Team C	Team D		P Bradley	P Bradley
Church Opening	M Toon K Toon	R Chadwick S Chadwick			