

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
Fourth Sunday of the Year- Year C 3rd February 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	2 nd	5.45 pm	Derek Millward	
Sun	3 rd	10 am	Muriel McCue	
Mon	4 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tues	5 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Wed	6 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
		12pm	Requiem Mass for Joan Kilgallon	
Thur	7 th			No Service
Fri	8 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Sat	9 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
		5.45 pm	Intention of R.C.	
Sun	10 th	10am	Michael O Connor	

Liturgy This Week: BENTILEE

Day		Time	Intention	Services
Sun	3 rd	10.30am	Martin Horton	
Mon	4 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Thur	7 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Fri	8 th	9.30 am		<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Sun	10 th	10.30am		

Liturgy This Week: FENTON

Day		Time	Intention	Services
Sun	3 rd	9 am	Int of B Callen & family	
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	9 th	9 am	Peggy Taaffe	
Sun	10 th	9 am	William Morgan	
		11am 2pm 7pm		Polish Masses

OLPS- Funeral service for Denis Berrisford on 14th Feb at 12.30pm

SMG – Funeral service for Joan McCue on 15th Feb at 1 pm

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 £.424.45 (GA £78.20, PG £108.00).

Bentilee: Total 21.1.19 £148.67 (GA £107.00, PG £17.52).

28.1.19 £139.29 (GA £75.00, PG £38.43).

Fenton: Total £154.70 (GA £56.95 PG £40.50). Medaille Trust £ 164.21

Our Sunday Scriptures:

1st Reading: (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19). Jeremiah was one of the greatest prophets God sent among his people. This reading tells of his call by God and of his commission as a prophet.

2nd Reading: (1. Cor. 12:31-13:13). This contains Paul's great hymn in praise of love. He says that for a follower of Christ love is by far the most important virtue of all.

Gospel: (Luke 4:21-30). This tells how Jesus shared the fate of every true prophet: he was rejected by his own people.

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: 4th Sunday in Year C

Tue: St Agatha

Wed: St Paul Miki & .
Companions

Sat: Our Lady on Saturday

Sun: 5th Sunday in Year C

Bentilee:

Sanctuary Lamp:

Ivan Breese

Fenton:

Blue Lamp:

Anne Coxon

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

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, Joan Kilgallon, Denis Berrisford, Joan McCue 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.

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.

We have 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. If you wish to use the machine to pay your collection CHECK the amount – hold your card close to the machine and wait for all 4 blue lights to light up. Your payment has been made!

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: a fun night was had and raised £79, many thanks for those who came along and to those who organised the evening.

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.

The booking forms for the **Diocesan Pilgrimages to Lourdes** are now available. The details and booking forms are on the tables at the back of Church. Our Hotel Gloria by air is £810 or by coach £475 – based on two people sharing. Completed forms and deposits, please leave in the sacristy or through the presbytery door. Thank you.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE. There is an initial meeting for all those who are travelling on Friday 22nd February at St Teresa's Church in Trent Vale. They have Mass at 6pm and the meeting will be immediately after at 6.30pm. This will be a great first gathering and the chance to meet fellow travellers. Pilgrims please do your best to be there. If anyone else wishes to join the pilgrimage please let Fr Michael know immediately 658063.

If you require a priest (in an emergency) you can contact Fr Michael Glover at St Teresa's Tent Vale, 01782 658063 Or St Augustine's Meir on 01782 313734

	This Week		Next Week	
	5.45	10 am	5.45	10am
Readers	J Clough	S Rushton	J Smith	L Colclough
Offertory	S Plant M Simpson	N Matthews T Mattews	M Reynolds J Reynolds	T Taylor C Thorley
Eucharistic Ministers	M Reynolds G Till	A Middleton-Hill D Ball	L Brennan P Capper	S Rushton P Power
Cleaners	Team A		Team B	
Counters	Team 8		Team 2	

Bentilee Rota
Fenton Rota

	This Week	Next Week		This Week	Next Week
	10.30 am	10.30 am		9 am	9 am
Readers	B Hawley S Hawley	A Nzezbuna M Ndubusi		A Comfort A Rowley	E Coxon M Lewis
Eucharistic Ministers	Team F	Team G		P Bradley	P Bradley
Church Opening	R Chadwick S Chadwick	J Hulme A Hulme			