



# PARISH OF ST. GERARD

## CASTLE VALE

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### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY 3rd January 2016 Year C Page 115

#### Mass Times This Week

**Sunday 3rd January**  
Feast of the Epiphany  
Mass 10:00am  
Greta Roe

**Monday 4th January**  
Mass 7:00pm  
Ann Lynam and Family

Prayer Meeting for Third Tuesday  
Service after Mass

**Tuesday 5th January**  
Mass 7:00pm  
Brigit Moyles

Alpha Course Meeting after Mass

**Wednesday 6th January**  
Mass 7:00pm

Parish Council Meeting after Mass

**Thursday 7th January**  
No Mass

**Friday 8th January**  
Mass 7:00pm

**Saturday 9th January**  
No Mass

#### Please remember in your prayers:

**The sick:** Pat Cook, Agnes Primus, Rita Wray, Jamie Morris, Nancy Medd, Margaret Coyne, Norman Oliver, Irene Westwood, Josephine & Bernadette Monaghan, Gillian Stanworth, and all the sick priests of the diocese. May the Lord grant them the healing they require.

**Recently died:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. And all whose anniversaries occur this week.

#### Communion to the Sick and Housebound

If you know of anyone who is unable to go to Mass, and would like Communion, please contact Father Soji.

#### Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention: on behalf of a family member, a friend or a deceased loved one, there are Mass Intention envelopes available.

**Prayer Requests:** we are happy to include the names of those who have recently died; or whose anniversaries may occur, as well as additions to the sick list. Please let us know if you wish for your relatives or friends' names to be included. Also we would be grateful for any amendments. Thank you.

#### Offertory Collection

To be announced next week

Thank you for your generosity



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## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**13th December**

Please see notice board for this week's 100 club winners

### Congratulations!

### The Feast of the Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany is one of the oldest Christian feasts. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," .

The feast of the Epiphany now marks the end of Christmastide, the 12 Days of Christmas, which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

In many parts of Europe, the celebration of Epiphany is at least as important as the celebration of Christmas. In Italy and other Mediterranean countries, Christians exchange gifts on Epiphany—the day on which the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child—while in Northern Europe, it's not unusual to give gifts on both Christmas and Epiphany (often with smaller gifts on each of the twelve days of Christmas in between).

### St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



**4th January:** Start of term- School Opens

**14th January:** Whole School Mass with Bishop Robert, Church, 9.00am

**For more information visit our**

**School Website:** [www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk)



## PARISH NOTICE BOARD

- ◆ **Happy New Year** to all!
- ◆ **Start of term:** St Gerard's School return tomorrow, 4th January.
- ◆ **Communion to the sick** is on 8th January.
- ◆ **Christmas raffle winners:** Please ask Sarita Forrester or Father Soji for a list of winning tickets.
- ◆ **The Legion of Mary House** are visiting 26<sup>th</sup> March- 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We need accommodation for 10 people. If you are willing to help, please speak to Fr Soji.
- ◆ **Communion to the sick** will be given on the first Friday of the month. Kindly inform if anyone is in need to Frances Irwin or Fr. Shyju: 074448490553.



### USEFUL INFORMATION

- ◆ **Our Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Ann Nicholls.
- ◆ **Newsletter;** If you would like news or events advertised in Sunday's newsletter, please contact Father Soji no later than Wednesday morning. See overleaf for contact details.
- ◆ **Baptisms;** Parent(s) have to attend Sunday Mass regularly. Please contact Father Soji to obtain an application form and make arrangements.
- ◆ **Sacrament of the sick;** parishioners are asked to approach a priest to receive sacrament of the sick before being admitted to hospital for treatment. If you are housebound or are unable to attend mass, a priest will be happy to visit you in your home.