



# PARISH OF ST. GERARD

## CASTLE VALE

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### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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#### Mass Times This Week

**Sunday 27th December**  
Mass 10:00am

**Monday 28th December**  
No Mass

**Tuesday 29th December**  
No Mass

**Wednesday 30th December**  
No Mass

**Thursday 31st December**  
No Mass

**Friday 1st January**  
No Mass

**Saturday 2nd 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



Gift-Aid Envelopes	£74.80
Non Gift Aid	£147.04
Piety	£10.00
Votive lights	£25.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>£257.16</b>

Thank you for your generosity!

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## 100 CLUB WINNERS

### 13th December

£30.00 L. Conroy (70)

£15.00 C. Sellman (10)

### 20th December

£30.00 M. Maher (94)

£15.00 A-M & S. Hayes (99)

### Christmas Draw

£100 L. Conroy (16)

£30 Mick Boylan (21)

### Congratulations!

## The Feast of the Holy Family

Today, the Sunday after Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. When the shepherds went to the stable of Bethlehem after hearing the angels' announcement of glad tidings, they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby in the manger. This scene is represented in nativity scenes in our homes and in our churches, and it invites us to contemplate and to meditate on what we see and the Mystery it reveals.

When God chose to reveal himself he did so within a family, and, in a real way, the family is an icon of God. God is love, and the love of a husband and wife who are created in his own image and likeness reflect this love of the Most Holy Trinity both in their coming together as one. The feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the sacredness of the institution of the family itself.

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with  
Jesus'



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



## PARISH NOTICE BOARD

- ◆ **Today's Mass** is with Fr David Keniri. Father Soji is away in the US for the next week on missionary work.
- ◆ **Second Collection today** for the Parish.
- ◆ **Christmas raffle winners:** Please ask Sarita Forrester or Father Soji for a list of winning tickets.
- ◆ **Start of term:** St Gerard's School return on 4th January.
- ◆ **Communion to the sick** is on 8th January.
- ◆ **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.