



PARISH OF ST. GERARD

CASTLE VALE

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times This Week

Sunday 7th February
Mass 10:00am

Monday 8th February
No Mass

Tuesday 9th February
No Mass

Wednesday 10th February
Ash Wednesday
School Mass 9:00am

Evening Mass 7:00pm
(James McManus)

Day of Fasting

Thursday 11th February
No Mass

Friday 12th February
Mass 7:00pm
Gabriel Irwin RIP

Saturday 13th February
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	£77.00
Non Gift Aid	£89.84
Votive Light	£12.98
Sehion Community	£80.00
Restoration Fund	£29.44
Bishops Mass	£137.24
Total	£426.50

Thank you for your generosity!

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100 CLUB WINNERS

31st January

Please see notice board for this week's winners

Congratulations!

THIRD TUESDAY SERVICE

Dates for the Third Tuesday Masses are below. The service starts at 6.00pm and finishes at 9.00pm. Please see our website for more information.

16 February

15 March

19 April

17 May

21 June

"Be merciful, as your father is merciful"

Luke 6:36

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



Mon 8th February: Choir trip to Symphony Hall

Wed 10th February: Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00am

For more information visit our

School Website: www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk



PARISH NOTICE BOARD

- ◆ **Second Collection** today for Pro-Life.
- ◆ **St Gerard's** break up for half term on Friday 12 February.
- ◆ **CAFOD Lent Fast Day** is Friday 19 February. For every £1 we donate, the UK government has pledged to match it meaning that £1 = £2! This Lent Fast Day, we have an opportunity to come together as a Catholic community to ensure girls living in the world's poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an education. CAFOD is working with local expert organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting it every day, now have time for school, study and to play with their friends.
- ◆ **Jubilee Year of Mercy;** our attention now turns to University Students and those in Higher education. There will be a service of prayer for all those involved in Higher Education, and to which everybody is invited, at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on the evening of Saturday 5 March from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. A chance to enter the Holy Door of Mercy, Confession, a Service of the Word with Music. This has been organised by the University Chaplains in our Diocese together with the University Catholic Societies. For further information, please contact Fr ray Corbett r.corbett@aston.ac.uk
- ◆ **Rose Powel's Lent Retreat** is 13th March.
- ◆ **The Legion of Mary House** are visiting 26th March- 2nd April. We need accommodation for 10 people. If you are willing to help, please speak to Fr Soji as soon as possible.
- ◆ **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. Soji.

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 at-