



# PARISH OF ST. GERARD

## CASTLE VALE

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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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#### Mass Times This Week

##### Sunday 13th March

Mass 10:00am  
Mary and Eddie Keating RIP

Lent Retreat for 1 hour  
after Mass

##### Monday 14th March

Mass 7:00pm for  
Third Tuesday Service  
Intercessory prayers at 6:00pm

##### Tuesday 15th March

Third Tuesday Services' talk by  
Fr David Keniri  
& opportunity to make confession

##### Wednesday 16th March

No Mass

##### Thursday 17th March

Mass 9:00am  
Feast of St Patrick

##### Friday 18th March

Mass 7:00pm  
Amal Sharp RIP  
Stations of the Cross after Mass

##### Saturday 19th March

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	£63.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£148.26
Second Collection (Cathedral Maintenance)	£56.01
Votive Light	£15.10
Donations	£40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£322.37</b>



Thank you for your generosity!

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## 100 CLUB WINNERS

### 6th March

£30 A. Cronnagh (97)

£15 S. Oliver (33)

### 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.

15 March

19 April

17 May

21 June

19 July

*“Be merciful, as your father is merciful”*

**Luke 6:36**

All welcome to attend!

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



**Monday 14 March:** Book Fair begins  
(Monday to Friday)

**Wed 16 March:** Palm Sunday Infant assembly

**For more information visit our School Website:** [www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk)

## PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Rose Powel's Lent Retreat** is today for one hour after Mass. Please make an effort to stay for just 1 hour if you're able to.
- ◆ **Readers/Eucharistic Ministers:** Would you please let Ann Nicholls know today which services you will be attending over the Easter Period.
- ◆ **Church Cleaning:** We are very short of Church cleaners. We are very grateful to Shirley Harris and Bernie Sloan for their great efforts. If we have more cleaners on the rota then it makes the load much lighter. It would be good to get a rota of 6 people which would mean that the you would only need to do it every 3 weeks.
- ◆ **Third Tuesday Service** this week 15 March. All welcome to attend.
- ◆ **Palm Sunday Mass** is next week and the start of Holy Week.
- ◆ **Accommodation for The Legion of Mary**, who are visiting very soon, 26<sup>th</sup> March- 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Thank you to those who have already volunteered, but we still need accommodation for around another 7 people. If you are willing to help, please speak to Fr Soji as soon as possible!
- ◆ **Sainsbury's Vouchers:** There is a basket at the back of Church for the vouchers. They are now printed with your receipt so please watch out for them. The school really appreciates them as they contribute greatly to the PE resources for the children.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** leaves on 28 May, returning on 3/4 June, depending on the method of travel (air/coach). By Coach with various pick-up points; ferry from Calais: Fares from £407.00. By Air from Birmingham Int: Fares from £695.00. Please speak to Graham Martin who has further details of costs etc. [stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com](mailto:stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com)

## 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-