



PARISH OF ST. GERARD

CASTLE VALE

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Times This Week

Sunday 29th November
Mass 10:00am
Kevin Linden RIP

Monday 30th November
Mass 7:00pm

Tuesday 1st December
Mass 9:00am

Wednesday 2nd December
School Mass 9:00am

Thursday 3rd December
No Mass

Friday 4th December
Mass 7:00pm

Saturday 5th December
No Mass

Youth Convention
11.00am-5.00pm

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

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| Gift-Aid Envelopes | £87.00 |
| Non Gift Aid | £68.93 |
| Piety | £65.00 |
| Second Collection | £67.94 |
| Total | £288.87 |



Thank you for your generosity!

100 CLUB WINNERS

22nd November

£30.00 M.Oliver (76)

£15.00 G.Bowen (42)

Congratulations!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are starting to collect raffle prizes and would be grateful to anybody who could help by donating any of the following please.

We'll start selling raffle tickets at the end of November.

- 1.Cash Prize
- 2.Family ticket to Thinktank Birmingham Science Museum
- 3.Family ticket to Black Country Living Museum
- 4.Whisky
- 5.Champagne
- 6.Digital scales
- 7.Hamper prizes
- 8.Bottle of wine
- 9.Christmas cake
10. Chocolates

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



Wed 2nd Dec: Reception Class Mass with Y5, 9.00am

Wed 2nd Dec: Year 5 Confession

Thur 3rd Dec: Year 4 Confession

Fri 4th Dec: Christmas Fayre

PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Second Collection** today for the Parish.
- ◆ **The Season of Advent;** Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time.
- ◆ **We have a small collection of Christmas cards** and diaries which will be on sale before and after Mass.
- ◆ **St Gerard's Christmas School Fayre** is this Friday 4th December and all parishioners are welcome to attend.
- ◆ **St Gerard's School Christmas Carol Concert** is Wednesday 9th December in Church at 6:00pm. All welcome!
- ◆ **There will be special prayer and meeting after mass** on 23rd, 30th and 7th December at 7:00pm for the third Tuesday services. All are welcome
- ◆ **Christmas Raffle:** Raffle tickets will be sold after Mass for the next three Sundays, £1 per strip. The Draw will take place on Sunday 20th December. There are some lovely prizes, thank you for your generosity.
- ◆ **Healing Mass every third Tuesday**, open to everybody starting 15 December. It begins with intercessory prayers at 6:00pm, then lively praise and worship between 6.30-7.30pm. Preaching the gospel at 7.30pm and finishing with Mass with Eucharistic procession at 8:00pm.
- ◆ **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.