



**PARISH OF ST. GERARD  
CASTLE VALE**

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**27th November 2016 Year A Page 82**

**Mass Times This Week**

**Sunday 27th November**  
Mass 10:00am  
Patrick Flood

**Monday 28th November**  
No Mass

**Tuesday 29th November**  
No Mass

**Wednesday 30th November**  
No Mass

**Thursday 1st December**  
Mass with  
**Bishop Robert Byrne**  
**9AM**

**Friday 2nd December**  
First Friday Adoration at 6:00pm  
Mass 7 00pm

**Saturday 3rd December**  
No Mass



**Please remember in your prayers:**

**The sick:** Annie Roche, Janet Roche, Pat Cook, Agnes Primus, Rita Wray, Jamie Morris, Nancy Medd, Margaret Coyne, Norman Oliver, Irene Westwood, 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	£81.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£95.28
Second Tuesday Collection	£221.50
Catholic Youth Service GA	£24.40
Catholic Youth Service Non-GA	£28.29
Votive Lights	£25.98
Donation Sehion Ministry	£100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£576.45</b>



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Thank you for your generosity!

## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**20th November**

£30 Adrian Cronnagh (97)

£15 I. Yelland (78)

**Congratulations!**

## BLESSING OF THE GRAVES 2016

Dates, times and locations for the Blessing of the graves 2016 are below.

**Witton:** Sun 27 Nov 3:00pm

**Handsworth:** Date to be confirmed

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with  
Jesus'



**Wed 30 Nov:** Whole School Thanksgiving Mass for Year 6.

**Fri 2 Dec:** Christmas Fair 5.00-7.00pm

**Fri 16 Dec:** End of Term - School closes for Christmas

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

## PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 111
- ◆ **Mass today** is with Fr. Francis Barrett.
- ◆ **Second Collection** today for the Parish.
- ◆ **Second Collection next week** for the Poor Parishes in the Diocese.
- ◆ **Christmas Luncheon:** The church has been given eight tickets for a Christmas luncheon at St. Edmund Campion School, designed for elderly parishioners. The date is Tuesday 13th December, time: 1.30pm until 4.00pm. The luncheon will include entertainment. Those wishing to take advantage of this offer should contact the office. However, they should also contact the school, to confirm their attendance so that the correct numbers can be catered for; and also to arrange transport, if required. Tel: 0121 464 7700.
- ◆ **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** If you haven't already, could you please let Ann Nicholls know if you'd like to remain on the rota, as she will be preparing a new rota in the next couple of weeks. Also, if anybody else would like to become a reader at Mass, please let Ann know.
- ◆ **The Season of Advent:** is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas. During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, and Expectant Mothers.
- ◆ **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. Cash prizes, whiskey, hamper prizes, chocolates, bottle of wine. Thank you for your help!

## 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 hos-