



# PARISH OF ST. GERARD

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### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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#### Mass Times This Week

**Sunday 14th February**  
Mass 10:00am  
Shiela Goldsmith RIP

**Monday 15th February**  
Mass 7:00pm  
Doreen and Maurice Jones

**Tuesday 16th February**  
Third Tuesday Service starts  
at 6.00pm  
(choir from Abbey prayer group)  
Mass 8.00pm

**Wednesday 17th February**  
No Mass

**Thursday 18th February**  
No Mass

**Friday 19th February**  
Funeral Mass at 1.30pm  
of Delia Reeves

Mass 7:00pm  
June Graham

**Saturday 20th 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	£83.97
Non Gift Aid	£114.90
Votive Light	£14.11
100 Club	£400.00
Donation	£90.00
Second Collection for Pro-Life	£70.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>£773.81</b>

Thank you for your generosity!

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## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**7th February**

£30 P. Sprigg (62)

£15 E. Morrissey (47)

**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**

## DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2016

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. There is a choice of hotels and they are shown on the booking form.

If anybody is interested, please speak to Graham Martin who has further details of costs etc.



## PARISH NOTICE BOARD

- ◆ **Alpha:** If you didn't sign up for the Alpha Course but would like to know more about it for next time, please come to the Introductory Meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00 pm in the School Hall. Come along and find out more about it!
- ◆ **Flowers:** Mrs Harris would like to thank those who gave her donations for flowers at Christmas time and those who give regularly.
- ◆ **Third Tuesday Service** is this week on 16 February! Please come along if you're able to. See overleaf for more details.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Lighting:** Thank you to Richard Ryan for replacing all our spot lights that had gone out.
- ◆ **24 Hours for the Lord.** Pope Francis has called us to keep **24 Hours for the Lord** from **Friday 4 March to Saturday 5 March**. More information coming soon or please visit [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)
- ◆ **Novena of Prayer** for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Archbishop Bernard Longley has named Blessed Dominic Barberi and the Venerable Mother Catherine McAuley as Patrons for our diocesan celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We will say a special Novena prayer in the bidding prayers on Sunday 28 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!
- ◆ **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](mailto:r.corbett@aston.ac.uk)
- ◆ **Rose Powel's Lent Retreat** is 13th March.
- ◆ **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 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.