



**PARISH OF ST. GERARD**

**CASTLE VALE**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**20th December 2015 Year C Page 90**

**Mass Times This Week**

**Sunday 20th December**  
Mass 10:00am  
Margaret Creamer

**Monday 21st December**  
Requiem Mass for Greta Roe  
at 12 noon

Reception of the Body of Margaret  
Creamer 7:00pm

**Tuesday 22nd December**  
Requiem Mass for  
Margaret Creamer 1:00pm

**Wednesday 23rd December**  
Mass 10:00am  
Mary Court RIP

**Christmas Eve**  
**Thursday 24th December**  
Carol Service 6:30pm  
Mass 7:00pm

**Christmas Day**  
**Friday 25th December**  
Mass 10:00am

**Boxing Day**  
**Saturday 26th December**  
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	£110.50
Non Gift Aid	£75.50
Restoration Fund	£40.70
Piety	£5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£231.70</b>

Thank you for your generosity!

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## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**6th December**

£30.00 ()

£15.00 ()

Congratulations!

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Draw will take place on Sunday  
20<sup>th</sup> December.

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'



**4th January:** Start of term- School Opens

## PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Wishing all parishioners** and their families a very happy and holy Christmas. Please see front page for Mass times over the Christmas period.
- ◆ **Today is a Day of Prayer** for expectant mothers. We keep them all in our prayers.
- ◆ **Greta Roe Funeral arrangements:** 21st December at 12.00pm.
- ◆ **Margaret Creamer Funeral Arrangements:** Reception of the body Monday 21st December 7:00pm. Requiem Mass Tuesday 22nd at 1:00pm.
- ◆ **Mass on 27th December** will be with Fr David Keniri.
- ◆ **We have a small collection of Christmas cards** and diaries which will be on sale before and after Mass.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Christmas Raffle:** The Draw will take place on today.
- ◆ **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. Shyu: 0744448490553.



## 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.