



PARISH OF ST. GERARD

CASTLE VALE

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mass Times This Week

Sunday 17th April
Mass 10:00am

Monday 18th April
Mass 10.00am
Aggie Maher 7:00pm
Presbytery Chapel

Parish Council 7:30pm

Tuesday 19th April
Third Tuesday Mass
Mass 7:30pm

Wednesday 20th April
Mass in school at 9:00am
(Protection of the unborn)

Thursday 21st April
No Mass

Friday 22nd April
Mass

Saturday 23rd April
No Mass

Please remember in your prayers:

The sick: Doreen Jones, Oscar Hughes, Phyllis Reidy, 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	£62.10
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£126.12
Donations	£80.93
Votive Lights	£52.07
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Total	£331.20

Thank you for your generosity

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100 CLUB WINNERS

10th April

£30 B.Bennett (75)

£15 J. O'Loughlan (56)

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.

19 April

17 May

21 June

19 July

*"Be merciful, as your father is
merciful"*

Luke 6:36

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with
Jesus'



Wed 20th April: Year 5 Class Mass

Thurs 28th April: Year 3 Inspire Workshop

For more information visit our

School Website: www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Second Collection** today for the Clergy Training Fund.
- ◆ **First Holy Communion Commitment Mass** today.
- ◆ **Today is the 53rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** Pope Francis's message for the occasion, entitled *The Church, Mother of Vocations*, expresses his deep desire for Catholics around the world to actively live the Christian vocation of being disciples with a mission.
- ◆ **Third Tuesday Service** this week on 19 April. They begin 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.
- ◆ **Parish Council meeting** on Monday at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend.
- ◆ **Spiritual Training:** On Monday from 8:00am to Wednesday until 1:00pm, there is spiritual training by Fr Angelus from Brentwood for the Sehion ministers.
- ◆ **Funeral arrangements for Aggie Maher:** Reception into Church will take place on Thursday 21st April at 5.00pm and the Requiem Mass will be held on 22nd April at 10.00am, followed by burial at Sutton New Hall Cemetery.
- ◆ **Gift Aid:** If you regularly give to the church and are a tax payer, you could gift aid your offering and the parish will gain from the government. Please ask Frances Irwin for the form. Forms are also available for paying by direct debit which is a convenient way to give your money as you do not need to find the cash every week.
- ◆ **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.

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-