



**PARISH OF ST. GERARD**

**CASTLE VALE**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**Mass Times This Week**

**Sunday 26th March**

Mass 10:00am  
Brigid Mary Kennedy RIP

**Monday 27th March**

No Mass

**Tuesday 28th March**

Mass 6:00pm with  
Indian Community for  
Jim Conroy RIP

**Wednesday 29th March**

No Mass

**Thursday 30th March**

Funeral Mass of Jim Conroy RIP  
9:00am  
with Fr. Solomon

**Friday 31st March**

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

**Saturday 1st April**

No Mass

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**The sick:** Tina Parkes, Father Gabby Maguire, Chantelle Smith, Ann Grimes, Annie Roche, Pat Cook, Agnes Primus, 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:** George (Mickey) McDonough RIP.

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

**Offertory Collection Last Week**

Gift-Aid Envelopes	£106.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£124.27
CAFOD Gift Aid	£41.80
CAFOD Loose	£49.35
Votive lights	£13.30
100 Club	£100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£434.72</b>



Thank you for your generosity!

## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**19th March**

£30 P Sprigg (62)  
£15 M Ryder (26)

**Congratulations!**

## Holy Week Easter Masses

**Palm Sunday 9 April:** Mass 10:00am

**Maundy Thursday 13 April:** Mass  
7:00pm &

Adoration till 12:00 midnight

**Good Friday 14 April:** Churches  
together walk at 11:00am &  
Service at **3:00pm**

**Easter Vigil 15 April:** Mass 7:00pm

**Easter Sunday 16 April:** Mass 10:00am



## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with  
Jesus'



**Mon 27 March:** Year 5/ Year 6  
Residential (to Wednesday).

**Sun 2 April:** Year 3 First Holy Communion  
Commitment Mass, Church, 10.00am

**For more information visit our**

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

## PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 75
- ◆ **Today is a Day of Prayer** for the candidates for the Sacraments.
- ◆ **The funeral of Jim Conroy** is at 9:00am on **Thursday 30 March**.
- ◆ **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** Could readers and Eucharistic Ministers please let Ann Nicholls know which services they will be attending during Holy Week and Easter? Thank you.
- ◆ **Fully escorted 5 Night Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland,** 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017. £649 per person sharing. Price includes flight from Birmingham with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia anytime on 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL.
- ◆ **Father Soji is now in Australia** for the next few weeks. In any emergency, parishioners can contact Fr. Neil Bayliss from Holy Cross, details of which are below.
- ◆ **Walk with Me booklets** are available for Lent. Please collect your copy from the table in the narthex.
- ◆ **The Legion of Mary House** are visiting between 19-26 August. We need accommodation for 10 people. If you are willing to help, please speak to Fr Soji as soon as possible. Thank you!

## Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please put your Sainsbury's Vouchers in the basket on the table in the Narthex.



## USEFUL INFORMATION

- ◆ **Our Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Ann Nicholls.
- ◆ **When Father Soji** is away, and in any emergency, parishioners can contact Fr. Neil Bayliss from Holy Cross, Walmley on 0121 351 2161.
- ◆ **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.