



PARISH OF ST. GERARD

CASTLE VALE

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mass Times This Week

Sunday 1st May
Mass 10:00am
Aggie Maher RIP

Monday 2nd May
No Mass

Tuesday 3rd May
Mass 12:00noon
Pauric McGahern

Day for Prayer for Vocations
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament from
10.00am-5.00pm

Wednesday 4th May
School Mass in Church
9:00am
Aggie Maher RIP

Thursday 5th May
No Mass

Friday 6th May
Mass 12:00noon
St Catherine of Siena

Saturday 7th May
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	£91.50
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£97.21
Third Tuesday Collection	£64.92
Parish Restoration Fund	£97.99
Sehion Collection	£110.00
Votive Lights	£17.17
Total	£478.79



Thank you for your generosity

100 CLUB WINNERS

24th April

£30 F. Irwin (44)

£15 M. Maher (86)

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.

17 May

21 June

19 July

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

Luke 6:36

All welcome to attend!

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with
Jesus'



Thu 5 May: Year 3 Inspire Workshop

**For more information visit our
School Website: www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk**

PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Second Collection today** for the parish.
- ◆ **Second Collection next week** for Catholic Communications.
- ◆ **Flowers:** We are looking for some help with the flowers for the Church. You do not need to be an experienced florist! You may just enjoy arranging flowers. If you would like to help please let Shirley Harris or Frances Irwin know.
- ◆ **The Housebound:** The Legion of Mary discovered that we have several people who are housebound. We are looking for volunteers with cars who would be willing to give people a lift to Sunday Mass. Please let Father Soji know.
- ◆ **Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:** Put it in your diary **Friday 2nd September after Mass.** New members are always welcome.
- ◆ **Memorial Book:** Ann Nicholls will be updating the book during the month of May, if you have any new names to be entered please write them on the sheet on the notice board.
- ◆ **Sunday Mass Music:** We are very grateful to Frances Baines for coming to help us with the music every Sunday. Some of the children from school are also now joining in which is great, they are using their God given talents in praise of the Lord. So a big thank you to them. We will be learning some new hymns and Mass settings which is long overdue in this parish as our organ is very limited as to what is programmed. Let us all give our support by singing up and praising the Lord! Frances is away this week for the Bank Holiday but they will all return next week!
- ◆ **Headteacher Vacancy at St. Alban's Catholic Primary School, Kings Heath Birmingham.** Please see the advert on the Parish Noticeboard or for more details on the School Website:-www.st-albans.eschools.co.uk. The closing date for applications is 13th. May 2016 at Noon.

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.