



**PARISH OF ST. GERARD
CASTLE VALE**

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Mass Times This Week

Sunday 20th November
Mass 10:00am
Cath Dunleavy

Monday 21st November
No Mass

Tuesday 22nd November
No Mass

Wednesday 23rd November
School Mass 9:00am
For the Flaherty family

Thursday 24th November
Year 6 Confirmation Mass
7:00pm

Friday 25th November
Mass 10:00am
Jim Whelan RIP

Saturday 26th November
No Mass



Please remember in your prayers:

The sick: Jim Whelan, Annie Roche, Janet Roche, Pat Cook, Agnes Primus, Rita Wray, 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: 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	£78.55
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£214.67
Johnson Association GA	£7.00
Votive Lights	£15.56
Total	£315.78



Thank you for your generosity

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100 CLUB WINNERS

13th November

£30 J O'Loughlin (56)

£15 A Martin (20)

Congratulations!

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES 2016

Dates, times and locations for the Blessing of the graves 2016 are below.

Newhall: Sun 20 Nov 3:00pm

Witton: Sun 27 Nov 3:00pm

Handsworth: Date to be confirmed

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with
Jesus'



Thu 24 Nov: Year 6 Confirmation in Church,
7:00pm

Wed 30 Nov: Whole School Thanksgiving
Mass for Year 6.

Fri 2 Dec: Christmas Fair 5.00-7.00pm

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PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 120
- ◆ **Second Collection today** for the Catholic Youth Services.
- ◆ **Second Collection** next Sunday for the Parish.
- ◆ **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** Ann Nicholls is about to prepare a new rota so can you please let her know if you would like to remain on the list. Also, if anybody else would like to become a reader at Mass, please let Ann know. Thank you!
- ◆ **Confirmation 24th November:** We pray for all Year 6 children who will be making their Confirmation on Thursday. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers!
- ◆ **The Season of Advent:** Advent is nearly upon us, starting next Sunday. It is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas. During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, and Expectant Mothers.
- ◆ **Christmas Raffle:** We are starting to collect raffle prizes and would be grateful to anybody who could help by donating any of the following please. Cash prizes, whiskey, hamper prizes, chocolates, bottle of wine. Thank you for your help!
- ◆ **Scattering of Ashes:** The Vatican last month published guidelines for Catholics who want to be cremated, saying their remains cannot be scattered, divided up or kept at home but rather stored in a sacred, church-approved place. The Vatican said ashes and bone fragments cannot be kept at home, since that would deprive the Christian community as a whole of remembering the dead. Rather, church authorities should designate a sacred place, such as a cemetery or church area, to hold them. If the family of the deceased don't agree to treating the ashes in this way then a Catholic funeral may be denied. Please see Fr Soji for more information on this subject.
- ◆ **Prayer meeting** every Wednesday from 6.30-8.00pm either in the church or in the presbytery
- ◆ **Legion of Mary:** Every Thursday there will be a Legion of Mary prayer meeting from 7.00-8.00pm in the Presbytery.

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 hos-