



PARISH OF ST. GERARD

CASTLE VALE

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Mass Times This Week

Sunday 15th May

Mass 10:00am
James Whelan RIP

Monday 16th May

Mass 7:00pm
Aggie Maher
Prayer Meeting after Mass

Tuesday 17th May

Third Tuesday Mass 6.30pm
Fr. Sebastian will celebrate Mass

Wednesday 18th May

Mass 10:00am

Thursday 19th May

No Mass
Legion of Mary Meeting 7:00pm in
Presbytery

Friday 20th May

Mass 7:00pm
Aggie Maher

Saturday 21st 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

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| Gift-Aid Envelopes | £87.10 |
| Loose (Non Gift Aid) | £125.85 |
| Votive Lights | £17.05 |
| Piety Stall | £10.00 |
| Catholic Communications | |
| (Sp Collection) | £63.16 |
| Total | £303.16 |



Thank you for your generosity

100 CLUB WINNERS

8th May

£30 B. Creamer (98)

£15 M. Stefan (32)

Congratulations!

50th Anniversary Celebrations of the opening of Bishop Walsh Catholic School 1966-2016



The school is currently working on exciting plans to celebrate the 50th Anniversary. The first event is an **Open Afternoon and Garden Party on Saturday 9th July from 2pm-6p.m.** Along with music, competitions and sports activities there will be displays of memorabilia from all five decades in and around the school. The school site will be open for everyone to take a walk down memory lane and meet staff past and present. We do hope as many people as possible will come and join us.

Also Archbishop Bernard will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Wednesday 21st September, 2016 at 7pm in the school Sportshall** please do come and join us for this also.

Should you have any photos or memorabilia from connection with the school that you would be prepared to lend us please contact h.bethell@bishopwalsh.net

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



Sun 22 May: First Holy Communion Commitment Mass, 10:00am

For more information visit our

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

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◆ **Today is the feast of Pentecost** and a Day of Prayer for the Church. Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 115

◆ **Aggie Maher:** Aggie's husband and family thank you most sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy in their recent bereavement. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is to be offered for your intentions on 20/05/16.

◆ **Brigid Smyth** recently passed away. The cremation is on 17th May at 2:00pm at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium.

◆ **Funeral Mass** for Kathleen Dunleavy is on 24 May at 11.00am.

◆ **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 attend mass, a priest will be happy to visit you in your home.