



# PARISH OF ST. GERARD

## CASTLE VALE

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### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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#### Mass Times This Week

**Sunday 8th May**

Mass 10:00am  
Sean O'Byrne

**Monday 9th May**

No Mass

**Tuesday 10th May**

No Mass

**Wednesday 11th May**

No Mass

**Thursday 12th May**

Mass 6:30pm  
Aggie Maher

**Friday 13th May**

Mass 7:00pm  
Kasia (healing)

**Saturday 14th 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:** Brigid Smyth 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 amendments. Thank you.

#### Offertory Collection

Gift-Aid Envelopes	£80.43
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£138.98
Donation	£40.00
Votive Lights	£15.26
Piety Stall	£30.00
Church of the Ukraine (Sp Collection)	£81.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>£385.68</b>



Thank you for your generosity

## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**1st May**

**£30** L. Conroy (70)

**£15** R. Cogan. (63)

**Congratulations!**

### Aggie Maher

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly  
in a chair,  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we  
saw it there,  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any  
friend could say,  
Perhaps you were not there at all, just  
thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we  
thank you so very much, whatever the part.*

Aggies 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

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with  
Jesus'



**Mon 9 May:** Year 6 SATs Week

**Thu 19 May:** Parenting Course: 9:00am

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

**For more information visit our**

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

## PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Second Collection today** for Catholic Communications.
- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week was 105.
- ◆ **Today is World Communications Day.** On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of communications. A particular prayer intention is for those who communicate on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network.
- ◆ **Good Luck to Year 6** who start their SATs exams this week.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Legion of Mary meeting** is on 12th May at 7:00pm in the presbytery.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.