



## PARISH OF ST. GERARD

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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### Mass Times This Week

#### Sunday 10th January

The Baptism of the Lord  
Mass 10:00am  
Michael Moyles RIP

#### Monday 11th January

Mass 9:00am  
Bridget Roward

#### Tuesday 12th January

No Mass

#### Wednesday 13th January

Mass 9:00am  
Irene Westwood

#### Thursday 14th January

Mass 9:00am  
Whole School Mass with  
Bishop Robert Byrne

#### Friday 15th January

No Mass

#### Saturday 16th January

No Mass



### Please remember in your prayers:

**The sick:** 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

Please see notice board

Thank you for your generosity!



## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**3rd January**

Please see notice board for this week's 100 club winners

£30 Danny Ryan (87)

£15 J O'Loughlin (56)

**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.

19 January

16 February

15 March

19 April

17 May

*"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'



**14th January:** Whole School Mass with  
Bishop Robert, Church, 9.00am

**21st January:** Year 6 Inspire Workshop

**For more information visit our**

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

## PARISH NOTICE BOARD



◆ **Today we celebrate The Baptism of the Lord**, which brings to an end the season of Christmas.

◆ **Raffle Winners;** Thank you to Sarita Forrester and Bernadette Sloan for organising the Christmas raffle. And thanks to everybody for their help and support, especially for all the prize donations. We raised a fantastic £442! Two prizes still haven't been claimed so be sure to check your tickets. There is a list of all the winners on the notice board.

◆ **New Parish Website:** We have a new website which launched this week. Please use this resource to check mass times and news about the parish. You will also be able to find each week's newsletter and other useful information such as the parish diary on here. The website may not appear initially when using a search engine such as Google, as it's a new site, so just type the address into the URL box instead. [www.stgerardschurch.co.uk](http://www.stgerardschurch.co.uk). Also, any suggestions and feedback are kindly welcomed!

◆ **Bishop Robert Byrne** will be visiting school this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January. There will be a whole school Mass at 9.00am in Church. All parishioners are welcome.

◆ **Old photos:** If anybody has any photos of the parish, masses or parish events from the past that they would like to share for us to use on the website, please bring them in. These will go in the photo gallery and history section of the website, and will be a great resource to share with everybody. We will of course just take a copy so all photos will be returned to their owners.

◆ **Nursery Admissions:** If you have a child due to start Nursery in September 2016 please make sure you have registered your interest in the school office by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

◆ **The Legion of Mary House** are visiting 26<sup>th</sup> March- 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We need accommodation for 10 people. If you are willing to help, please speak to Fr Soji as soon as possible.

◆ **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 at-