



# PARISH OF ST. GERARD

## CASTLE VALE

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Third Sunday of Advent

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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#### Mass Times This Week

**Sunday 13th December**  
Mass 10:00am

**Monday 14th December**  
Mass 7:00pm  
Margaret Creamer

Meeting after Mass led by Nichola Hurley

**Tuesday 15th December**  
Third Tuesday Service  
beginning with intercessory prayers  
at 6:00pm

**Wednesday 16th December**  
School Mass 9:00am  
Benny Lynam

**Thursday 17th December**  
Confession at 6.30pm  
Mass 7:30pm  
Robert Sloan

**Friday 18th December**  
Mass 10:00am  
Ann Deacan

**Saturday 19th December**  
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

Gift-Aid Envelopes	£64.00
Non Gift Aid	£
Piety	£35.00
Donation from Sehion	£80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>
Votive lights	£15.45

Thank you for your generosity!



## 100 CLUB WINNERS

### 6th December

£30.00 M. Kowalski (68)

£15.00 M Creamer (65)

Congratulations!

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Remember to buy raffle tickets after Mass today. The Draw will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

1. Cash Prize
2. Family ticket to Thinktank Birmingham Science Museum
3. Family ticket to Black Country Living Museum
4. Whisky
5. Champagne
6. Digital scales
7. Hamper prizes
8. Bottle of wine
9. Christmas cake
10. Chocolates

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with  
Jesus'



**Tues 15 Dec:** Non-Uniform Day. Wear Christmas clothes

**Fri 18th Dec:** School break up for Christmas and return Monday 4th January.



## PARISH NOTICE BOARD

- ◆ **School Christmas Fayre:** Thank you to Parishioners who supported the School's Christmas Fayre! An amazing £3500 was raised in just 2 hours!
- ◆ **Margaret Creamer Funeral Arrangements:** Reception of the body Monday 21st December 7:00pm. Requiem Mass Tuesday 22nd at 1:00pm.
- ◆ **Funeral for Mary Christeena** is 21st December at 12.00pm.
- ◆ **Readers for Christmas Carol Service:** Please let Ann Nicholls know today if you will be attending the Carol Service.
- ◆ **Non-uniform day & Christmas dinner** for children at St Gerard's School on 15th December. Remember to wear your favourite Christmas attire!
- ◆ **St Gerard's School** break up for Christmas on 18th December. Wishing all pupils and staff and restful and peaceful Christmas. See you in the new year.
- ◆ **Deanery Carol Mass** on the 19th at 3.00pm at Erdington Abbey; we need a reader and a candle holder. If anybody is willing to volunteer, please give your name to Fr Soji. Thank you!
- ◆ **We have a small collection of Christmas cards** and diaries which will be on sale before and after Mass.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Christmas Raffle:** Remember to buy raffle tickets after Mass today if you haven't already. The Draw will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December.
- ◆ **Healing Mass every third Tuesday**, open to everybody starting 15 December. It begins with intercessory prayers at 6:00pm, then lively praise and worship between 6.30-7.30pm. Preaching the gospel at 7.30pm and finishing with Mass with Eucharistic procession at 8:00pm.
- ◆ **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. Shyju: 074448490553.

## 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