



**PARISH OF ST. GERARD  
CASTLE VALE**

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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**Mass Times This Week**

**Sunday 11th December**  
Mass 10:00am  
Raymond Hackett (SNR)

**Monday 12th December**  
Mass 7:00pm

**Tuesday 13th December**  
No Mass

**Wednesday 14th December**  
Mass 9:00am

**Thursday 15th December**  
No Mass

**Friday 16th December**  
Mass 10:00am  
Mike & Josie Bolger  
(Golden Jubilee)

**Saturday 17th December**  
No Mass

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**The sick:** Annie Roche, Janet Roche, Pat Cook, Agnes Primus, 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	£94.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£133.85
Second Collection Gift Aid	£25.28
Second Collection Non Gift Aid	£23.13
Piety	£10.00
Votive Lights	£9.90
Restoration Fund	£23.26
Donation Sehion Ministry	£40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£359.42</b>



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## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**4th December**

£30 S. Harris (100)

£15 J. Bricknell (43)

**Congratulations!**

## The Season of Advent

Advent 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

Expectant Mothers

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with  
Jesus'



**Fri 16 Dec:** End of Term - School closes for Christmas at 3.05pm

**Tues 3 Jan:** Start of Term. School reopens

**Wed 4 Jan:** Whole School Mass

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

## PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 92
- ◆ **Second Collection today** for Father Hudson's. There are Gift-Aid envelopes available in the porch.
- ◆ **The School's Christmas Fair** raised an impressive £2400, and there's still money coming in! Thanks to everybody who supported and donated prizes.
- ◆ **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** We are short of readers and Eucharistic ministers on Christmas Eve. If you are able to attend, could you please let Ann Nicholls know this week so we can prepare rotas. Thanks.
- ◆ **Christmas Raffle** tickets are now on sale. Thanks to all who have donated prizes and to Bernie and Sarita for organising.
- ◆ **The Tablet:** We are receiving free copies of the Tablet, for four weeks. If there is anyone, after the four weeks, that would like to continue taking The Tablet then we will arrange delivery to the church, but it will then be chargeable at £3 per issue/week.



**Third Sunday in Advent**

## 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-