



# PARISH OF ST. GERARD

## CASTLE VALE

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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#### Mass Times This Week

**Sunday 28th February**  
Mass 10:00am  
Catherine McAlinden

**Monday 29th February**  
Mass 7:00pm  
Then intercessory prayers

**Tuesday 1st March**  
No Mass

**Wednesday 2nd March**  
School Mass 9:00am in school

**Thursday 3rd March**  
No Mass

**Friday 4th March**  
Mass 7:00pm  
Andrew Watts RIP  
Night Vigil 10.00pm– Saturday  
10:00am

**Saturday 5th March**  
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      | £78.10         |
| Loose (Non Gift Aid)    | £131.88        |
| Votive Light            | £11.00         |
| Donations               | £43.18         |
| Second Collection CAFOD | £150.60        |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>£414.76</b> |

Thank you for your generosity!

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## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**21st February**

£30 A. Cronnagh (92)

£15 E. Kissen (15)

**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.

15 March

19 April

17 May

21 June

*“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’



**Tues 1st March:** Year 4 visit to see  
Rumpelstiltskin at the MAC

**Wed 2nd March:** St Chad's Feast Day. Non-  
school uniform for children in this house.

**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 the Parish.
- ◆ **Accommodation for The Legion of Mary**, who are visiting very soon, 26<sup>th</sup> March- 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Thank you to those who have already volunteered, but we still need accommodation for around another 7 people. If you are willing to help, please speak to Fr Soji as soon as possible!
- ◆ **Catholic Today:** Please collect a copy of Catholic Today free of charge from the front of the church.
- ◆ **Website:** If you miss a week of mass, you can download each week's newsletter and find mass times on our parish website. See overleaf for details. It should now also be visible when using a search engine.
- ◆ **Alpha:** If you didn't sign up for the Alpha Course but would like to know more about it for next time, please come to the Introductory Meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00 pm in the School Hall. Come along and find out more about it!
- ◆ **Sainsbury's Vouchers:** There is a basket at the back of Church for the vouchers. They are now printed with your receipt so please watch out for them. The school really appreciates them as they contribute greatly to the PE resources for the children.
- ◆ **Rose Powel's Lent Retreat** is 13th March. If you would like to attend, please give your name to Father Soji so we can keep track of numbers.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** leaves on 28 May, returning on 3/4 June, depending on the method of travel (air/coach). By Coach with various pick-up points; ferry from Calais: Fares from £407.00. By Air from Birmingham Int: Fares from £695.00. There is a choice of hotels and they are shown on the booking form. If anybody is interested, please speak to Graham Martin who has further details of costs etc, at [stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com](mailto:stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com)

## 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.