



**PARISH OF ST. GERARD
CASTLE VALE**

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times This Week

Sunday 23rd October
Mass 10:00am
Paul Boylan RIP

Monday 24th October
No Mass

Tuesday 25th October
No Mass

Wednesday 26th October
No Mass

Thursday 27th October
No Mass

Friday 28th October
No Mass

Saturday 29th October
No Mass



Please remember in your prayers:

The sick: Annie Roach, Janet Roach, Pat Cook, Agnes Primus, Rita Wray, 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	£68.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£193.34
Votive Lights	£12.67
100 Club	£220.00
Donations	£80.00
Total	£574.01



Thank you for your generosity

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100 CLUB WINNERS

16th October

£30 A. Cronnagh (92)

£15 M. Maher (69)

Congratulations!

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES 2016

Dates, times and locations for the Blessing of the graves 2016 are below.

The Abbey, Erdington: Sun 6 Nov 1:00pm

Oscott: Sat 5 Nov 3:00pm

Rectory Road: Sun 13 Nov 3:00pm

Newhall: Sun 20 Nov 3:00pm

Witton: Sun 27 Nov 3:00pm

Handsworth: Date to be confirmed

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with
Jesus'



Mon 31 Oct: School reopens

Mon 7 Nov: Nursery trip to Safeside

Fri 11 Nov: Year 6 National Takeover Day

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School Website:
www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 104
- ◆ **Second Collection today** for World Mission Day.
- ◆ **Second Collection next week** for the parish.
- ◆ **Refurbishment works** will start on Monday. The work includes resealing the clerestory windows, replacing some damaged roof tiles and repairs to the narthex door frames. The work tackles problems that we believe are causing water ingress, and if the work is effective we may not need to be in such a hurry to replace the west roof.
- ◆ **Blessing of the Graves 2016:** Please see the list on the left-hand side of this page for more details. More info will also be added to the website by next week.
- ◆ **Father wishes to remind people** that all practising Catholics must attend Mass every Sunday, unless they are unable to because of sickness, or for other reasons such as the care of infants or the sick. If they are unable to attend Mass for long periods they should consult with their parish priest.
- ◆ **Prayer meeting** every Wednesday from 6.30-8.00pm either in the church or in the presbytery
- ◆ **Legion of Mary:** Every Thursday there will be a Legion of Mary prayer meeting from 7.00-8.00pm in the Presbytery.

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-