



**PARISH OF ST. GERARD  
CASTLE VALE**

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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME EDU-  
CATION DAY**

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**Mass Times This Week**

**Sunday 18th September**

Mass 10:00am  
With Fr Zbigniew Zieba  
from Oscott College

Kate Shorthouse RIP

**Monday 19th September**

No Mass

**Tuesday 20th September**

Mass 8:00pm  
Third Tuesday Service led by  
Canon John Udris

**Wednesday 21st September**

No Mass

**Thursday 22nd September**

No Mass

**Friday 23rd September**

No Mass

**Saturday 24th September**

No Mass

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**The sick:** Annie Roach, Janet Roach, Doreen Jones, 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	£108.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£181.57
Votive Lights	£15.70
100 Club	£100.00
Donation	£40.00
Catholic Education Gift Aid	£29.51
Catholic Education Non Gift Aid	£34.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>£508.88</b>



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Thank you for your generosity

## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**11th September**

£30 P Lightfoot (19)  
£15 S Oliver (41)

**Congratulations!**

## THIRD TUESDAY SERVICE

Dates for Third Tuesday Masses are below. The service starts at 6.00pm and finishes at 9.00pm. Please see our website for more information.

**20 September**

**18th October**

**15th November**

*"Be merciful, as your father is  
merciful"*

Luke 6:36

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with  
Jesus'



**Fri 21st October: Break up  
for Half Term**

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

## PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 100
- ◆ **Second Collection today** for Home Mission Sunday.
- ◆ **Second Collection next week** for Father Hudson's.
- ◆ **Canon John Udris** will be leading the service for our Third Tuesday Service this week, on 20th September.
- ◆ **Refurbishment work:** Good news! We have received approval for the refurbishment works. This 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. The work should hopefully start in October.
- ◆ **Grant:** More good news! Graham applied to the Allchurches Trust and we have received a grant of £1,250. Please see the noticeboard for more information.
- ◆ **Harvest Family Fast Day for CAFOD** is 'fast' approaching and a collection will take place on October 2nd. Envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church.
- ◆ **The Club;** St Gerard's club continues to pay rent to our parish and they have asked that we promote the use of the club for hire for baptisms, funerals, marriages and parties. Please contact the Manager, Dennis on 0121 747 4378 for further details.
- ◆ **Alpha Group Bible Studies;** The Bible Studies group will start this Thursday 15th September in the school staff room at 7:00 pm.
- ◆ **Year of Mercy 2016 talks by Oscott College;** For more information please see the poster on the notice board. The first talk is on 19 September and is by Mgr John Hadley on the subject of Justice & Mercy. Admission is free and all sessions start at 8.00pm.
- ◆ **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-