



**PARISH OF ST. GERARD
CASTLE VALE**

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times This Week

Sunday 16th October
Mass 10:00am
with Fr. Francis Barrett

Monday 17th October
No Mass

Tuesday 18th October
Third Tuesday Mass
6:00pm

Wednesday 19th October
School Mass 9:00am
For the protection of
the unborn

Thursday 20th October
No Mass

Friday 21st October
No Mass

Saturday 22nd 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	£82.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£127.16
Votive Lights	£15.29
Restoration Fund	£21.95
CAFOD Gift	£14.20
CAFOD Loose	£18.38
100 Club	£100.00
Sehion Community	£40.00
Total	£418.98



100 CLUB WINNERS

9th October

£30 C. Selman (84)
£15 P. Sprigg (62)

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'



Wed 19 Oct: Parents' Evening

Fri 21 October: Break up for Half Term

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

PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 75
- ◆ **Mass today** is with Fr. Francis Barrett as Father Soji is in Basil, Switzerland, conducting a three-day spiritual renewal programme for young adults.
- ◆ **Confirmation Commitment Mass** today for Year 6. Today is also the Feast Day of St Gerard Majella, our parish patron saint, and the saint of expectant mothers.
- ◆ **Bible Study Group;** The next meeting will take place this week on Thursday 20th October at 7:00pm in the school staffroom.
- ◆ **St Gerard's School break up for Half term** on Friday 21 October. Wishing all children and staff a restful and enjoyable break.
- ◆ **Second Collection next week** for World Mission Day.
- ◆ **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-