



**PARISH OF ST. GERARD
CASTLE VALE**

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Mass Times This Week

Sunday 2nd October
Mass 10:00am
Noel Doyle RIP

Monday 3rd October
Mass 7:00pm
Josie Monaghan RIP

Tuesday 4th October
No Mass

Wednesday 5th October
School Mass in Church
9:00am

Thursday 6th October
No Mass

Friday 7th October
First Friday Mass
7:00pm

Saturday 8th October
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, Bernadette Monaghan, Gillian Stanworth, and all the sick priests of the diocese.
May the Lord grant them the healing they require.

Recently died: Josephine Monaghan RIP.

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.

Offeritory Collection

Gift-Aid Envelopes	£92.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£159.86
Votive Lights	£26.51
Home Mission Sunday	£76.98
Walsingham Shrine	£34.55
Total	£389.90



Thank you for your generosity

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100 CLUB WINNERS

25th September

£30 P Sprigg (62)

£15 K Fearn (64)

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.

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'



Thur 4 Oct: Year 5 trip to Museum of the Jewellery Quarter

Tue 11 Oct: Year 6 trip to Cadbury World

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: 126

◆ **Harvest Family Fast Day for CAFOD** today. This Harvest Fast Day we are invited to join 32-year-old Nicanora, from Bolivia, on her journey from poverty to abundance. We can stand alongside Nicanora as she learns new skills and receives materials and seeds that will enable her to grow enough food to feed her family. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope and give what you can.

◆ **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.

◆ **There is a Year of Mercy Talk** on Tuesday 4 October, 7.30-9.00pm at Holy Trinity, 69 Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2NU. The speaker is Kieran O'Brien- CAFOD Cardiff. *Join us during this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, to reflect and unpack the theme of mercy. How does the flow of mercy that we receive flow out towards others? How can we as a parish community respond to the growing problems around the world? There will be the opportunity to reflect on the Lampedusa Cross and to write a message of hope to refugees around the world.* Light refreshments provided, and all very welcome. For more details, please contact Elizabeth Wignall on 01922 722944 or at ewignall@cafod.org.uk

◆ **APF Boxes** are now due. Please bring in your box for collection.

◆ **Repair work!** Good news! The Work to repair windows and the Narthex doors will commence on Monday, 17th October. There may be some limited access during this period, so as soon as we know more details, we will inform all parishioners.

◆ **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-