



**PARISH OF ST. GERARD  
CASTLE VALE**

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

**Sunday 25th September**  
Year 6 Confirmation  
Commitment Mass  
10:00am

John Joseph Kinahan RIP

**Monday 26th September**  
No Mass

**Tuesday 27th September**  
No Mass

**Wednesday 28th September**  
School Mass in Church  
9:00am

**Thursday 29th September**  
No Mass

**Friday 30th September**  
No Mass

**Saturday 1st 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.

**Offertory Collection**

Gift-Aid Envelopes	£101.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£53.88
Votive Lights	£12.90
Home Mission Sunday	£25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£192.78</b>



Thank you for your generosity

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## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**18th September**

£30 T. Lloyd (89)

£15 M. Maher (69)

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

## PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 56.
- ◆ **Year 6 Confirmation Mass** today.
- ◆ **Second Collection today** for Father Hudson's has been moved to 11th December. Instead, today there will be a second collection for the National Shrine at Walsingham.
- ◆ **Harvest Family Fast Day for CAFOD** is next week, 2nd October. Envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church .
- ◆ **APF Boxes** are now due.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Proclaim Bitesize.** This series of events is about using social media for parish catechesis and evangelisation. The idea is to offer parishioners and priests the opportunity to hear about some aspect of mission which they can apply to their own parish contexts - we hope to provide "*practical ideas for missionary parishes*". This year we will be taking the theme of applying social media to parish catechesis and evangelisation and looking at how to use it individually, with young people and as parishes to reach out to our digital neighbours. The first event is at the MARYVALE INSTITUTE, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham B44 9AG 7pm-9pm, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.
- ◆ **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-