



**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 1st October**

Mass 10:00am  
Vianney Mission for Priests

**Monday 2nd October**

No Mass

**Tuesday 3rd October**

School Mass 9:00am  
With Fr Dickinson

**Wednesday 4th October**

No Mass

**Thursday 5th October**

No Mass

**Friday 6th October**

No Mass

**Saturday 7th October**

No Mass

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**The sick:** Mary Baines, Tina Parkes, Father Gabby Maguire, Chantelle Smith, Annie Roche, Pat Cook, 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

**Offertory Collection Last Week**

Gift-Aid Envelopes	£48.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£104.00
Father Hudson's Gift Aid	£15.30
Father Hudson's Non GA	£49.12
Votive Lights	£15.59
Church Donation	£60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£292.11</b>



**Thank you for your generosity**

## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**24th September**

Please see notice board for last week's winners.

Congratulations!

## Today's Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

### Readers

**First Reading & Psalm:** Sarah Hayes

**Second Reading & Gospel**

**Acclamation:** Frances Irwin

**Bidding Prayers:** Serephina

### Eucharistic Ministers

Frank Armstrong

Stan Oliver

Ann Nicholls

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



**Sun 8 Oct:** Yr 6 Confirmation Commitment Mass, 10.00am

**Tue 10 Oct:** Macmillan Coffee and Cakes, 2.00pm

### School Website:

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

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## PARISH NOTICE BOARD



◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 85

◆ **No Bible Sharing class** this week as Father Soji is going to Toronto to conduct a conference for priests, nuns & families between 2nd October until 9th October.

◆ **Feast of St. Gerard, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – For the feast day of St. Gerard there will be Mass at 9am in church followed by a procession with the Blessed Sacrament back to school. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day in school ending with a short service at 2.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to come into the school at any point during the day to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament and to attend the short service at 2.30pm.

◆ **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October in School.** St Gerard's School will be hosting a coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. All are welcome! Come along for coffee, cake and a chat!

◆ **St Gerard's School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.** Our school will be celebrating 50 years in April! We are aiming to start a Parents, Teachers, Friends Association. If you are interested in joining our committee please contact the school on 464 2613. It would be good to have some past parents and grandparents. There will be meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the school hall at 3:15 if you would like to take part.

◆ **Visiting the sick** is 13th October.

◆ **Adoration** before every Holy Mass. We will have one hour Adoration with Rosary.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

◆ **Our Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Ann Nicholls.

◆ **When Father Soji** is away, and in any emergency, parishioners can contact Fr. Neil Bayliss from Holy Cross, Walmley on 0121 351 2161.

◆ **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 hospital for treatment. If you are housebound or are unable to attend mass, a priest will be happy to visit you in your home.