



**PARISH OF ST. GERARD  
CASTLE VALE**

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**Feast of the Holy Family**

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**Mass Times This Week**

**Sunday 31st December  
New Year's Eve**  
Mass 10:00am  
Mary Court RIP

**Monday 1st January  
New Year's Day**  
Solemnity of Mary  
the Holy Mother of God  
Mass 10:00am  
For the Parish

**Tuesday 2nd January**  
No Mass

**Wednesday 3rd January**  
Mass 10:00am  
Jack Scully RIP  
Mass in Presbytery

**Thursday 4th January**  
Mass 10:00am  
Mass in Presbytery

**Friday 5th January**  
Mass 7:00pm  
Bridget Rowan

**Saturday 6th January**  
The Epiphany  
No Mass

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**The sick:** Rita Scott, Lisa Purcell, Bridie McAlinden, Mary Baines, Tina Parkes, Father Gabby Maguire, Chantelle Smith, Annie Roche, Pat Cook, Jamie Morris, Nancy Medd, 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	£85.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£113.83
Votive Lights	£40.87
Sehion Community	£40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£279.70</b>



**Thank you for your generosity**

## Thank you!

A big thank you to all who have given their time to the church throughout 2017, and especially over the Christmas period. Namely, our readers, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, cleaners and flower arrangers, Bernie and Sarita for arranging the Christmas raffle, Frank and Stan for looking after the 100 Club, Ann Nicholls for organising reader and Eucharistic minister rotas and programming the organ, Frances and the choir for the wonderful music which adds so much to our Masses, and everybody else who helps, however small. This support is never taken for granted.

Thank you!

## Today's Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

### Readers

First Reading & Psalm:

Second Reading: Kesy Djomotchouamou

Bidding Prayers: Benedict Chadutza

### Eucharistic Ministers

Frank Armstrong

Ann Nicholls

Stan Oliver

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



**Mon 8 Jan:** Start of Term - School reopens after Christmas.

**Follow us on Twitter:** @StGerardsBham

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

## PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 156
- ◆ **Wishing all our parishioners** and their families a very Happy New Year.
- ◆ **Just a reminder** that you can check our parish website for updates, weekly newsletters and mass times at [www.stgerardschurch.co.uk](http://www.stgerardschurch.co.uk)
- ◆ **Funeral Details for the Late John Corbally.** Funeral Service on Thursday 11 January 2018 at 10.30am at St Gerard's R.C. Church, followed by burial at Sutton New Hall Cemetery at 12.00 noon.
- ◆ **Funeral Details for the Late Denis Patrick Mooney.** Service at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium at 12 noon, Friday 12 January 2018.
- ◆ **Bible Sharing Class** is every Thursday, between 7:00-8.00pm. All welcome.
- ◆ **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.