



# PARISH OF ST. GERARD

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### Mass Times This Week

#### Sunday 3rd December

Mass 10:00am  
Tess Commyns RIP

Baptism of Ethan Davis  
during Mass

#### Monday 4th December

No Mass

#### Tuesday 5th December

School Mass  
9:00am

#### Wednesday 6th December

No Mass

#### Thursday 7th December

No Mass

#### Friday 8th December

Visiting the Sick 9.30am  
Mass 7:00pm  
Michael Bolger RIP

#### Saturday 9th December

No Mass

### Please remember in your prayers:

**The sick:** Lisa Purcell, Bridie McAlinden, 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	£101.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£104.40
Catholic Youth Service GA	£22.57
Catholic Youth Service Non-GA	£41.05
Sheion Ministry Donation	£80.00
100 Club	£300.00
Votive Lights	£10.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>£659.59</b>



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## 100 CLUB WINNERS

**26th November**

Please see notice board for last week's winners.

Congratulations!

## Today's Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

### Readers

First Reading & Psalm: Ann Nicholls

Second Reading: Kesy Djomotchouamou

Bidding Prayers: Yvonne Kinahan

### Eucharistic Ministers

Shirley Harris

Frances Irwin

Anne-Marie Hayes

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



**Tue 5 Dec:** Reception Class Mass with Years 2/4/6, 9.00am

**Wed 13 Dec:** PTFA Christmas Disco, 5.00-6.30pm

**Tue 19 Dec:** Christmas Carol Service, Church, 6.00pm

### School Website:

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

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## PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 88
- ◆ **Second Collection next Sunday** for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.
- ◆ **Msgr Timothy Menezis**, the Vicar General, is celebrating Mass with us today.
- ◆ **Advent Confession** is 11th December at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **St Gerard's School** raised £2900 at their Christmas Fair last week! Thank you to all who supported the fair, and a big thank you to all those who worked so hard to make it a great success. The money has boosted school funds and will be used to help the school celebrate their 50th Anniversary next Spring.
- ◆ **Advent Recollection** is on all the Sundays straight after mass. In preparation for Christmas, over the four weeks of Advent, there will be an opportunity to spend some time sharing our thoughts about the day's readings. Tea and coffee will be available and everyone is welcome. Mr. Robert Walsh will lead the sessions.
- ◆ **Visiting the sick** is 8th December at 9.30am.
- ◆ **OAP Christmas Meal at St Edmund Campion Catholic School**, 20th December, 1.30-4.00pm. Organised by Sixth-formers for OAPs, students are offering a two-course meal with entertainment free of charge. Collection is from St Gerard's Church and you'll be dropped off at your home on the return journey. Frances Irwin has posted a sign-up sheet on the notice board with more details. Please add your name if you'd like to attend, and speak to Frances for more info.
- ◆ **Christmas Raffle**; Thank you so far for all of your donations. We would be grateful to anybody who could help by donating any of the following please. Cash donations to make up £100 and £50 cash prizes, whiskey, hamper prizes, chocolates, bottle of wine.
- ◆ **Bible Sharing Class** is every Thursday, between 7:00-8.00pm.

## 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.