



4TH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

PARISH OF ST. GERARD CASTLE VALE

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Day of prayer for expectant Mothers

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Mass Times This Week

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

Mass 10:00am

Brian Foreward RIP

Christmas Eve Mass 7:00pm

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

Mass 10:00am

Tuesday 26th December Boxing Day

No Mass

Wednesday 27th December

No Mass

Thursday 28th December

No Mass

Friday 29th December

No Mass

Saturday 30th December

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: Norman Oliver, Margaret Coyne, Patrick Joseph Donnelly, John Corbally, Denis Patrick Mooney, 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

Offertory Collection Last Week

Gift-Aid Envelopes	£156.60
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£189.36
Votive Lights	£21.12
Poor Parish Gift Aid	£10.00
Poor Parish Non Gift Aid	£5.00
Sehion Community	£40.00
Total	£422.08



Thank you for your generosity

Christmas Mass Times

24 Dec: Christmas Eve Mass
(no Carol Service) 7:00pm

25 Dec: Christmas Day Mass
10.00am

Today's Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

First Reading & Psalm: Frank Armstrong

Second Reading: Serephina

Bidding Prayers: Margaret Dunsford

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.

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- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 111
- ◆ **Wishing all our parishioners** and their families a very Happy Christmas. May this time be both joyful and peaceful.
- ◆ **Funeral details for the late Patrick Joseph Donnelly.** Funeral service at St Gerard's R.C. Church on Thursday 28 Dec ember 1pm, followed by burial at Sutton Coldfield (Rectory Rd) Cemetery at 2.30pm. The service will be taken by Fr Raymond Corbett .
- ◆ **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.