



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**PARISH OF ST. GERARD
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Times This Week

Sunday 10th December

Mass 10:00am
Michael Bains RIP

Advent Recollection
straight after Mass

Monday 11th December

Mass 9:30am
in the presbytery

Advent Reconciliation
Service 7:00pm

Tuesday 12th December

School Mass
9:00am

Wednesday 13th December

No Mass

Thursday 14th December

No Mass

Friday 15th December

Mass 9:00am
In the Presbytery

Saturday 16th 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	£94.00
Loose (Non Gift Aid)	£86.38
Votive Lights	£8.00
Total	£188.38



Thank you for your generosity

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100 CLUB WINNERS

3rd December

Please see notice board for last week's winners.

Congratulations!

Today's Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

First Reading & Psalm: Sarah Hayes

Second Reading: Serephina

Bidding Prayers: Frances Irwin

Eucharistic Ministers

Frank Armstrong

Stan Oliver

Ann Nicholls

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



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

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

Wed 20 Dec: Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas Dinner

School Website:

www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

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PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 78
- ◆ **Second Collection today** for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.
- ◆ **Advent Confession** is 11th December at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.