



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times

Sunday 21st October

Mass 10:00am
Michael Bolger

Monday 22nd October

No Mass

Tuesday 23rd October

Mass 9:00am

Wednesday 24th October

No Mass

Thursday 25th October

Confirmation Mass at 7.00pm
with Bishop Philip Pargeter

Friday 26th October

No Mass

Saturday 27th October

No Mass

Sunday 28th October

Mass 10:00am

Please remember in your prayers:

The sick: Perry Desmond, Philip Fox, Kevin Hollis, Wendy Walsh, Bridie McAlinden, Father Gabby Maguire, Pat Cook, Jamie Morris, Nancy Medd, Gillian Stanworth, & 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 for any amendments. Thank you.

Offertory Collection Last Week

Gift aid	£54.50
Non-gift aid (loose)	£141.07
100 Club	£14.20
Votive Lights	£29.78
Rent	£6058.32
Total	£6297.87



Thank you for your generosity

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Today's Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

First Reading: Michalina Stefan

Second Reading: Kesy Djomotchouamou

Bidding prayers: Anastazja Stefan

Eucharistic Ministers

Shirley Harris

Anne-Marie Hayes

Frances Irwin

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



Thu 25 Oct: Year 6 Confirmation Mass, Church, 7.00pm

Fri 26 Oct: Break up for Half Term.

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www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 92
- ◆ **Second Collection today** for World Mission Day.
- ◆ **The funeral of Irene Winifred Westwood** is Tuesday 30 October at 11.30am at St Gerard's Church, followed by Witton Cemetery at 1.00pm.
- ◆ **Year 6 Confirmation Mass** at 7:00pm with Bishop Pargeter, Thursday 25th October.
- ◆ **Bible Sharing Class:** If anyone from the parish is interested in participating in our Bible Sharing group, please contact Robert Walsh on 07751638461.
- ◆ **Adoration** before every Holy Mass. We will have one hour Adoration with Rosary.
- ◆ **GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations 2018):** Before we can put a name on the sick list please ask the person if it is alright to do so. Readers and Eucharistic Ministers if you do not want your name on the notice sheet please let Father Soji know. Otherwise we will continue to include the list each week.
- ◆ **Every Monday - Wednesday** we have special intercessory prayers from 10 am till 3pm for the parish, the Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries and Sehion UK ministries. We will have mass at 12 noon. We will also have intercessory prayers along with the exposition of the blessed sacrament as well.

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.
- ◆ **Confession timings:** 9am-9:30am (Sunday) .
- ◆ **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.