



# Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

Parish Priest: Father Soji Olikkal

E: stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com

T: 0121 747 7390 W: stgerardschurch.co.uk

Presbytery: 2 Renfrew Square, Castle Vale,  
Birmingham B35 6JT W: www.stgerardschurch.co.uk



## Fourth Sunday of Advent—Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

23rd December 2018

Year C

Page 90

### Mass Times

#### Sunday 23rd December

Mass 10:00am  
Munyaradzi Zacharia RIP

#### Monday 24th December

Christmas Eve  
Mass 10:00am  
Tina McAtavey RIP

Evening Mass 7:00pm

#### Tuesday 25th December

Christmas Day Mass  
10:00am

#### Wednesday 26th December

Boxing Day  
Mass

#### Thursday 27th December

Mass

#### Friday 28th December

Mass

#### Saturday 29th December

Mass

#### Sunday 30th December

Mass 10:00am  
Michael Bolger RIP

### Please remember in your prayers:

**The sick:** Thomas & Valerie Hughes, 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	£98.00
Non-gift aid (loose)	£236.56
Votive Lights	£15.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>£350.29</b>



Thank you for your generosity

*giftaid it*

## Today's Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

### Readers

First Reading: Yvonne Kinahan  
Second Reading: Yvonne Kinahan  
Bidding prayers: Ann Nicholls

### Eucharistic Ministers

Frank Armstrong  
Stan Oliver  
Ann Nicholls

## Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 85
- ◆ **Please see overleaf** for Christmas Mass times!
- ◆ **Second Collection next week** for the Parish.
- ◆ **100 Club:** There is one available number in the 100 Club. If you're interested, please see Frank Armstrong or Stan Oliver.
- ◆ **Adoration** before every Holy Mass. We will have one hour Adoration with Rosary.
- ◆ **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.

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



**Mon 7 January:** Start of Term - School opens

**Twitter:** @StGerardsBham

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

### Useful Information

- ◆ **Our Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Ann Nicholls.
- ◆ **When Father Soji** is away, and in any emergency, parishioners can contact Fr. Noble on 07523175510
- ◆ **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.