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Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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First Sunday of Advent

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Mass Times

Sunday 2nd December

Mass 10:00am
Sabina Lakandula
(Healing)

Monday 3rd December

Mass 12 noon

Tuesday 4th December

Year 5 Class Mass
9:00am in Church

Wednesday 5th December

Mass 12noon

Thursday 6th December

No Mass

Friday 7th December

Mass 9:00am

Saturday 8th December

No Mass

Sunday 9th December

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	£84.00
Non-gift aid (loose)	£119.27
Johnson Association	£1.00
Catholic Youth Service	£11.00
Catholic Youth Service GA	£28.61
Votive Lights	£15.31
100 Club	£50.00
Total	£309.19



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Today's Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

First Reading: Anne-Marie Hayes

Second Reading: Anne-Marie Hayes

Bidding prayers: Sarah Hayes

Eucharistic Ministers

Sarah Hayes

Shirley Harris

Frances Irwin

Christmas Raffle Donations needed!

It's that time of year again when we start to ask for your additional generosity because we need donations for the raffle. There will be a £100 cash prize so cash donations (whatever the amount), are welcome, as well as any other suitable prizes please. Please give donations to Sarita and Bernie who are organising the raffle.

Thank you in advance!

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



Thu 13 Dec: KS1 Nativity for parents and young children, 2.00pm

Thu 13 Dec KS1 Nativity for adults only, 5.30pm

Twitter: @StGerardsBham

School website: www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 80
- ◆ **Second Collection next Sunday** for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.
- ◆ **APF Boxes are due for collection.** Please bring in boxes asap and give to Frances Irwin. Thank you.
- ◆ **100 Club:** There is one available number in the 100 Club. If you're interested, please see Frank Armstrong or Stan Oliver.
- ◆ **Christmas Hamper:** Shirley Harris is arranging a Christmas hamper prize for the raffle and also requires donations. Please see Shirley for more information on what she requires.
- ◆ **Second Collection on Sunday 16th December** for our Christmas Flowers display.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **There is an emotional Healing Ministry** led by Fr Jude Mukkaro between 4th-6th December from 7.00-9.00pm.
- ◆ **Friends of the Holy Land (FHL)** are holding a Carol Service at Lichfield Cathedral in aid of struggling Christians in the Holy Land, on Friday 7th December at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 (includes programme and light refreshments). For tickets, telephone 01926512980/ email office@friendsoftheholylan.org.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.