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Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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Second Sunday of Advent

9th December 2018

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Mass Times

Sunday 9th December

Mass 10:00am

Monday 10th December

Mass 12 noon

Tuesday 11th December

Year 5 Class Mass  
9:00am in Church

Wednesday 12th December

Mass 12noon

Thursday 13th December

No Mass

Friday 14th December

Mass 9:00am

Saturday 15th December

No Mass

Sunday 16th December

Mass 10:00am

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:** Bridie Hughes 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 for any amendments. Thank you.

Offertory Collection Last Week

Gift aid	£80.00
Non-gift aid (loose)	£182.96
Votive Lights	£19.22
100 Club	£260.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£542.18</b>



Thank you for your generosity

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## Today's Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

### Readers

First Reading: Frank Armstrong

Second Reading: Frank Armstrong

Bidding prayers: Margaret Dunsford

### Eucharistic Ministers

Frank Armstrong

Stan Oliver

Ann Nicholls

### 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

**18 Dec** Whole School Mass 9:00am

**Twitter:** @StGerardsBham

**School website:**

## Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 115
- ◆ **Second Collection today** for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.
- ◆ **Second Collection next Sunday 16th December** for our Christmas Flowers display.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.

### 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.