



# Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Day for the Unemployed

3rd March 2019

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### Mass Times

#### Sunday 3rd March

Mass 10:00am  
Mary & Eddie Kealing

#### Monday 4th March

No Mass

#### Tuesday 5th March

Shrove Tuesday  
Mass 9:00am

#### Wednesday 6th March

Ash Wednesday  
Mass 1:30pm  
Evening Mass 7:00pm  
(Day of fasting)

#### Thursday 7th March

No Mass

#### Friday 8th March

Stations of the Cross  
7:00pm

#### Saturday 9th March

No Mass

#### Sunday 10th March

Mass 10:00am

### Please remember in your prayers:

**The sick:** Lesley Armstrong, 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	£94.00
Non-gift aid (loose)	£137.65
Votive Lights	£13.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>£245.25</b>

Thank you for your generosity



## Today's Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

### Readers

First Reading: Yvonne Kinahan

Second Reading: Yvonne Kinahan

Bidding prayers: Ann Nicholls

### Eucharistic Ministers

Ann Nicholls

Stan Oliver

Frank Armstrong

## Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 98
- ◆ **Second Collection today** for Cathedral Maintenance
- ◆ **During the season of Lent** there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm every Friday.
- ◆ **Please see Ash Wednesday** masses which are listed overleaf.
- ◆ **APF Boxes are now due for collection.** Please bring in your box asap and leave with Frances Irwin. Thank you!
- ◆ **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'



**Tue 5 March:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch

**Wed 7 March:** Non-Uniform Day - dress as a book character for World Book Day

**Mon 11 March:** Book Fair in school (to Thursday)

**Wed 13 & Thu 14 March:** Parents' Evening

**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.