



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

7th April 2019

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Mass Times

Sunday 7th April

Mass 10:00am
With Fr. Leonard
For Rickey Jones R.I.P.
& Julia Hobbs R.I.P

Monday 8th April

No Mass

Tuesday 9th April

Mass 9:00am
with Fr. Leonard

Wednesday 10th April

No Mass

Thursday 11th April

No Mass

Friday 12th April

Mass
Stations of the Cross
7:00pm

Saturday 13th April

Sunday 14th April
Confessions 9.00-9.30 a.m.
Mass 10:00am
For Robert Sloan

Please remember in your prayers:

The sick: Lesley Armstrong, Debbie Johnson, Perry Desmond, Philip Fox, Kevin Hollis, Father Gabby Maguire & 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	£58.00
Non-gift aid (loose)	£89.21
Votive Lights	£13.66
Total	£160.87
Second Collection for the Parish	£102.45



Thank you for your generosity

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Today's Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

First Reading: Ann Nicholls

Second Reading: Ann Nicholls

Bidding prayers: Yvonne Kinahan

Eucharistic Ministers

Anne-Marie Hayes

Frances Irwin

Shirley Harris

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



Tue 9th April: Sponsored Walk in support of the schools chosen Lenten charities

Tue 16 April: Whole School Mass led by Year 4, 9.00am

Twitter: @StGerardsBham

School website: 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. Leonard Cox on 07790827184
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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

Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 79
- ◆ **Second Collection request today** from Cafod for Cyclone Idai. Thank you for your support and apologies for no prior notice last week.
- ◆ **During the season of Lent** there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm every Friday.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Easter Raffle:** Thank you for all donations received to date and the support in buying tickets. There is still time to buy more tickets before the draw!
- ◆ **Refreshments :** Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after mass today. Please join together for a cuppa and a chat for 10-15 minutes in you can.
- ◆ **Refreshments Rota:** If you are able to help serve refreshments after Mass on a Sunday to share the load then please add your name to the list on the noticeboard at the back of church.
- ◆ **Parish Centre:** Lots of activity continues in the Parish Centre as we see the fence taken down between the Church garden and the Centre and repairs to the perimeter fencing. With the nice weather approaching we will be looking to tidy up the church garden so any green fingered volunteers would be very welcome .
- ◆ A big thank you to all those Parishioners that have given there time, skills, knowledge and resources to enable us to achieve the fantastic results that we have at the Centre. We are talking to lots of organisations about the possibility of them using our facilities to provide increased opportunities for the community of Castle Vale. It is hoped that over the next few months we will start to see these opportunities come to fruition. In addition, our next Parish Centre committee meeting will be discussing how we would like to use the Parish Centre going forward and what events we may wish to hold to allow us to come together as a Parish. If you cannot attend the meeting but have any ideas then please let Fr Soji know.

