



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

14th April 2019

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Sunday 14th April

Confessions 9.00-9.30 a.m.
Palm Sunday Mass 10:00am
starting with Procession from
Parish Centre
For Robert Sloan

Monday 15th April

No Mass

Tuesday 16th April

Mass 9:00am

Whole School Mass in Church

Wednesday 17th April

No Mass

Thursday 18th April Maundy Thursday Mass

7.00 pm followed by Vigil until
midnight

Friday 19th April Good Friday

Walk of Witness 11.00am from
St Gerard's
3.00pm service

Saturday 20th April Easter Vigil

7.00pm

Sunday 21st April

Easter Sunday
Mass 10.00am

Please remember in your prayers:

The sick: Sarah Pickering, 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 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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	£39.50
Non-gift aid (loose)	£98.66
Votive Lights	£11.50
Total	£149.66



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Today's Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

First Reading: Frances Irwin

Second Reading: Frances Irwin

Bidding prayers: Benedict Chadzutsa

Eucharistic Ministers

Ann Nicholls

Stan Oliver

Frank Armstrong

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus''



Thursday 18th April: School closes for Easter

Monday 29th April: School reopens

Tuesday 16th April 9.00am - Whole school Mass

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 mass, a priest will be happy to visit you in your home.

Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday-Mass of the Lords Supper 7.00pm followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight Rota at the back of church.

Good Friday- Walk of Witness 11.00am from Church car park

Friday of the Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

Holy Saturday- Easter Vigil 7.00pm

Parish Notice Board

- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 74
- ◆ **Parish Centre Committee meeting** after 7.00pm Mass on Tuesday 7th May. Please make every effort to attend
- ◆ **On Friday**, there is a collection for Holy Places and Shrines of the Holy Land
- ◆ **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 if 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 their 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.

