



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

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“O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.”

First Holy Communion

Please pray on this Feast of Corpus Christ for our children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion yesterday. May they continue to explore their faith and grow closer to God.

Mass Times

Sunday 23rd June

Confessions 9.00-9.45 am

Mass 10.000 am
For Janet May Jimenez
Bradley R.I.P.

Monday 24th June

No Mass

Tuesday 25th June

School Mass
9.00 am with Fr Lennon

Wednesday 26th June

No Mass

Thursday 27th June

No Mass
Reception of the body of
Esther Burke 4.00 pm.

Friday 28th June

Requiem Mass for Esther
Burke 11.30 am

Saturday 29th June

No Mass

Sunday 30th June

Confessions 9.00-9.45 am
Mass 10.000 am
For Robert Sloan

Lord, make those who are not well, get better and grant those who have died eternal rest in your heavenly home. Amen

Recently died-Esther Burke: Eternal rest grant her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

The sick: Linda Conroy, Debbie Johnson, Perry Desmond, Philip Fox, Kevin Hollis, Kathy Beatie, Father Gabby Maguire & all the sick priests of the diocese. May the Lord grant them the healing they require.

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 who will endeavour to arrange.

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, to remember a birthday or anniversary, Mass Intention envelopes available at the back of church.

Flower Intentions: If you would like to have flowers placed on the Altar for a particular intention: on behalf of a family member, a friend or a deceased loved one, to remember a birthday or anniversary, Flower Intention envelopes available at the back of church.

Offertory Collection Last Week

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| Gift aid | £ 97.75 |
| Non-gift aid (loose) | £ 64.00 |
| Total Offertories | £161.75 |
| Votive Lights | £ 24.43 |
| Donation | £ 60.00 |
| Second Collection for Day For Life | £ 64.36 |
| Total Weekly Income Banked | £310.34 |

Altar Flowers this week

In Thanksgiving for First Holy
Communion



Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

Reading: Frances Irwin

Bidding prayers: Benedict Chadzutza

Eucharistic Ministers

Frank Armstrong

Ann Nicholls

Stan Oliver

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



Congratulations to our Children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion yesterday.

Please keep them in your prayers

Twitter: @StGerardsBham

School website:

www.stgerard.bham.sch

Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 67
- ◆ **Mass Readers:** We are looking for some additions to our readers list for Sunday Masses. If you think you could oblige then please contact our Parish Administrator on 07971 076835. Thank you to those that have already volunteered.
- ◆ **Next Sunday:** We welcome Fr Francis Barrett who will be celebrating Mass as Fr Soji will be away in Australia on missionary work. Please pray for Father in his work.
- ◆ **Parish Centre :** Please see the notice on the double doors leading into the Parish Centre regarding accessing the centre during times that it has been hired out to YoungStars. This week Youngstars provided evening activities for 53 young children from Castle Vale and have recognised that it is only with our support that they have been able to do this. Please keep them in our prayers as they embark on their new ventures increasing opportunities for the Youth of Castle Vale. If anyone is interested in hiring our Parish Centre please contact our Parish Administrator.
- ◆ **Gift Aid:** UK tax payers can sign up to Gift Aid and we can collect 25% more from our offertory collections. For more information please contact our Parish Administrator.
- ◆ **Refreshments :** Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after mass every Sunday. 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.
- ◆ **Church cleaning:** We are looking to resurrect a church cleaning group on a rota basis to keep our church clean and tidy. If you feel that you could help by sparing an hour then please contact our Parish Administrator.
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy:** We are looking to start a children's liturgy during Sunday morning Mass. If any parishioners feel able to commit to helping run this on a rota basis then please contact our Parish Administrator.
- ◆ **Ladies that Lunch (or men!):** A group of Parishioners are looking to put on a lunch group in our Church centre, provisionally 3rd Thursday of the month starting July, aimed at bringing together young and old (or old and older!). Watch this space for further details.
- ◆ **Baptisms;** Please contact the Parish Administrator to obtain an application form and make arrangements. Parent(s) have to be baptised Catholic and attend Sunday Mass regularly.
- ◆ **Sacrament of the sick;** Please 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.
- ◆ **St Paul's School for Girls:** Are looking to appoint a Lay Chaplain to support the mission, spiritual and prayer life of their outstanding school. Please see the noticeboard for details.

◆ **Our Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Ann Nicholls who can be contacted on **07853 271306** or email:stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com

◆ **Our Parish Administrator** is Sue Perkins who can be contacted on **07971 076835** or email:stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com

◆ **When Father Soji** is away, and in any emergency, parishioners can contact **Fr. Leonard Cox** on **07790 827184**

◆ **Newsletter;** If you would like news or events advertised in Sunday's newsletter, please contact the Parish Administrator no later than Thursday.