



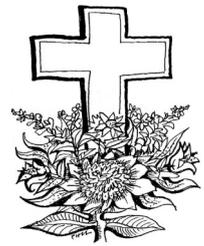
Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

2nd June 2019

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Mass Times

Sunday 2nd June

World Communications
Day

Confessions 9.00 am

Mass 10:00 am

For Mary Creamer R.I.P.

Monday 3rd June

No Mass

Tuesday 4th June

No Mass

Wednesday 5th June

No Mass

Thursday 6th June

No Mass

Friday 7th June

No Mass

Saturday 8th June

No Mass

Sunday 9th June

Pentecost Sunday

Day of Prayer for the
Church

Confessions 9.00 am

Mass 10.000 am

For Thomas Maher
R.I.P.



Fr Soji will be travelling to Rome on Monday returning on Friday. He is attending a Priests retreat with the Birmingham Archdiocese. Please pray for him whilst he is away. He will be visiting the sick on Friday 14th June.

Please remember in your prayers:

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, Sarah Pickering, 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, there are 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, there are Flower Intention envelopes available at the back of church.

Today there is a second collection for Catholic Communications

Offertory Collection Last Week

Gift aid	£ 58.00
Non-gift aid (loose)	£ 186.23
Total Offertories	£ 244.23
Votive Lights	£ 13.90
Piety	£ 20.00
100 Club	£ 350.00
Hire of Church Centre	£ 500.00
Total Weekly Income Banked	£1,128.13

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Thank you for your continued generosity

**Today's Readers &
Eucharistic Ministers**

Readers

Reading: Frank Armstrong

Bidding prayers: Margaret Dunsford

Eucharistic Ministers

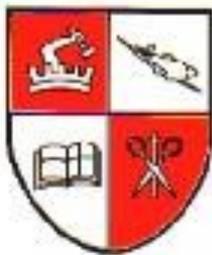
Shirley Harris

Sarah Hayes

Frances Irwin

**St Gerard's Catholic
Primary School**

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



**School re-opens Monday 10th
June 2019**

◆ **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.



Parish Notice Board



◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 86

◆ **Parish Centre** : We have this week secured a regular booking for our parish centre. Youngstars, a not for profit organisation, currently runs events and activities for the youth of Castle Vale and will be using our centre Monday to Friday. They are aiming to extend their services to that which reach out to other groups, which is where we may be able to join up with them, offering Soup kitchens, Chapel Café and Afternoon Teas for the elderly to name but a few. This is very exciting for us as a Parish as we see our centre being used to benefit the community of Castle Vale. Of course the rental income will be greatly appreciated also. Thank you to all those parishioners that attended meetings and continue to work enthusiastically to re-energise our parish through use of our parish centre.

◆ As mentioned previously we are now providing refreshments after Mass in the Church Centre. Please join your fellow parishioners and support those that are providing these refreshments. It has been known for homemade cakes to be on offer at times so worth a visit!

◆ **APF Boxes**: Could all boxes be brought into church over the next two weeks in order for them to be emptied and counted. Your help is appreciated.

◆ **Easter Raffle**: There may still be some unclaimed prizes. Please check your tickets to the winners list at the back of church.

◆ **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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Alton Castle World Youth Day @ Home**: Takes place 7th –9th June 2019 at Alton Castle Retreat Centre. Lots of fun, worship, music and reflection for our Youth. Tickets are available to book on the Alton Castle website.

◆ **St Mary's College, Oscott** is putting on a series of events in June, offering an opportunity to "Meet Newman" ahead of the canonisation of John Henry Newman in the coming months. These are designed as an introduction to Newman and to better understand why the Church has chosen to call him a saint. Leaflets providing more information and details on how to book tickets for these events are at the back of church.