



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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Solemnity of Pentecost

BIRTHDAY OF THE ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH AND DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

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PENTECOST comes from the Greek word "Pentecoste" meaning 50th day. Pentecost Sunday is one of the most prominent Feast days in the Christian calendar and is often referred to as Birthday of the Church. It marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles who had been living in fear for 50 days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. On Pentecost the Holy Spirit came down visibly on the Apostles. He gave them the power to speak in strange tongues and transformed them from selfish and timid men into giants of courage and faith.

"SPIRIT of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology. Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Amen."

Mass Times

Sunday 9th June

Confessions 9.00 am

Mass 10:00 am

For Thomas Maher R.I.P.

Monday 10th June

No Mass

Tuesday 11th June

School Mass

9.00 am

Wednesday 12th June

No Mass

Thursday 13th June

No Mass

Friday 14th June

No Mass

Visiting the Sick

Saturday 15th June

No Mass

Sunday 16th June

Confessions 9.00 am

Mass 10.000 am

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.

Offertory Collection Last Week

Gift aid	£ 88.00
Non-gift aid (loose)	£ 126.18
Total Offertories	£ 214.18
Votive Lights	£ 10.80
Catholic Communications	£ 32.30
Clergy Training Fund	£ 14.00
Donation to Sound Systems	£ 50.00
Total Weekly Income Banked	£ 321.28

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**Today's Readers &
Eucharistic Ministers**

Readers

Reading: Kesy Djomotchouamou

Bidding prayers: Nancy Bacchus

Eucharistic Ministers

Frank Armstrong

Ann Nicholls

Sarah Hayes

**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: 74
- ◆ **Next Sunday** there will be a Second Collection for the Day of Life
- ◆ **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. Please keep them in our prayers as they embark on their new ventures increasing opportunities for the Youth of Castle Vale. They are aiming to extend their services reaching 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. If anyone is interested in hiring our Parish Centre please contact our Parish Administrator on 07971 076835.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.