

Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour”

Today: There will be a Second Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea

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

Mass Times

Sunday 14th July

Confessions 9.15 -9.45 am
Mass 10.000 am

For Rogelio Lakandula

Monday 15th July

Mass 10.00 am
For Akash and Annu

Tuesday 16th July

Year 6 Leavers Mass
9.00 am in Church

Wednesday 17th July

No Mass

Thursday 18th July

Mass 10.00am

Friday 19th July

No Mass

Saturday 20th July

No Mass

Sunday 21st July

Confessions 9.15 -9.45 am
Mass 10.000 am

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

The sick: George Irwin, 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

Gift aid	£ 83.00
Non-gift aid (loose)	£ 97.58
Total Offertories	£180.58
Votive Candles	£ 40.25
Second Collection-Peters Pence	£ 44.79

Thank you for your continued generosity

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

Reading: Nancy Bacchus

Bidding prayers: Kesy Djomotchouamou

Eucharistic Ministers

Shirley Harris

Sarah Hayes

Frances Irwin

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



Please keep our Year 6 children in your prayers in their last week at St Gerard's school

Twitter: @StGerardsBham

School website:

www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Mass attendance:** last week: 78
- ◆ **Today:** Is Sea Sunday. Recognising and responding to the needs of seafarers is part of the Apostleship of the Sea's pastoral care. Many seafarers suffer loneliness, far from home and cut off from their own culture, family and friends. The Apostleship of the Sea deploys its chaplains in Britain's largest ports supporting seafarers in an array of situations. Please give generously in today's second collection.
- ◆ **Mass Reader and Eucharistic Minister Rotas:** New lists are available at the back of church. Thankyou to the two new volunteers.
- ◆ **St Gerard's Nursery:** There is currently a space in our Nursery for September 2019 for a child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016. Anyone interested in taking up this place should contact the school office on 0121 464 2613.
- ◆ **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!):** This Thursday 18th July the Church Centre opens its doors from 12.30-2.30 to anyone that would like to join us for Afternoon Tea! Please come along and enjoy some lovely food, new company and a bit of a music quiz!
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Harvington Hall:** The annual Harvington Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 1st September.
- ◆ **St Joseph's Care Home, Coleshill** offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting, with Mass said daily by resident priests. Respite bedrooms are also available for those that could benefit from a short stay. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered at St Joseph's, please call Father Hudson's Care on 01675 434500 for an informal chat or to arrange a visit.

◆ **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, please 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.

◆ **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.