

Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th October 2019

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“Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.”

Please pray for our Year 6 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday. May the Holy Spirit come down on the children and help to guide them through their lives.

Mass Times

Sunday 27th October

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00am

For Michael Bolger RIP

*With Children's Liturgy
Followed by Baptism*

Monday 28th October

No Mass

Tuesday 29th October

No Mass

Wednesday 30th October

No Mass

Thursday 31st October

Mass 10.00am

For Elaine Summerfield RIP

Friday 1st November

All Saints Day

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass 10.00am and 7.00pm

Saturday 2nd November

All Souls Day

Mass 10.00am

Sunday 3rd November

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00 am

With Children's Liturgy

RCIA course 11.00am

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

Recently died: Angela Rivers: Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

The sick: Frances Irwin, George Irwin, Sue O'Driscoll, Jean Chambers, 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, envelopes available at the back of church.

Offertory Collection –13th October 2019

Gift Aid: £ 94.00

Non Gift Aid: £ 89.08

Total Offertories £183.08

Votive Lights £ 12.02

Funeral Fee £192.00

Newspapers £ 2.30

Total Banked: £389.40

Offertory Collection –20th October 2019

Gift Aid: £ 64.40

Non Gift Aid: £138.67

Total Offertories £203.07

Rental Income £150.00

Total Banked: £353.07



**Johnson Association
Retired clergy**

**Next Sunday there will be
a Second Collection for
the Johnson Association.**

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



Twitter: @StGerardsBham

School website:

www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

School closed Friday for half term.
Re-opens Monday 4th November
8.55am

Parish Notice Board



◆ **Youth Group Food Fusion Evening:** Our Youth Group would like to invite you to their next planned event. Food Fusion is an evening aimed at bringing our parish community together as well as raising funds for their nominated charity CAFOD. The evening is planned for Saturday 9th November 6.30pm-8.30pm. Tickets will be available after Mass this week priced £5. If any parishioners would like to donate cooked dishes from their native country then please give your details to the Youth Group members at the back of church after Mass today or contact Ellie on 07852 404992.

◆ **Church Youth Group: Age group changed to 11-16 year olds.** You may see we have reduced the age range for this group to attract out Year 6 children from our school before they move onto their secondary schools. Bringing together our young people, providing opportunities for them to explore, demonstrate and put into action their faith in an enjoyable social group. Anyone interested in joining us please speak to Ellie after Mass today.

◆ **Dates for your diary:**

◆ (CHANGE OF DATE) Saturday 9th November– Youth Group Food Fusion evening 6.30-8.30-Tickets available £5.00

◆ Thursday 14th November-Go dotty for Children in Need Afternoon Tea 12.30-2.30 hosted by Ladies that Lunch

◆ Thursday 12th December-Santa's on his way Afternoon Tea 12.30-2.30 hosted by Ladies that Lunch

◆ **Offertory envelopes:** It is not too late to take a box of offertory collection boxes for your weekly offerings. Please see our Parish Administrator if you are a regular visitor to St Gerard's and feel able to make regular offerings.

◆ **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.

◆ **Church cleaning:** We are planning on cleaning once a month on the first Friday at 10.00 am if anyone is free to join us.

◆ **Alter Cloth Laundry:** If anyone is able to assist with the washing of the alter cloths then please let Fr know.

◆ **Bishop Challoner Teaching School Academy** is currently working with around 40 Primary and Secondary schools in the Birmingham area to help new teachers into the profession. Anyone is welcome to join them for a free information morning on Wednesday 6th November at 9.00 am to find out more about the School Direct / PGCE route into this exciting and rewarding profession. See poster at the back of church for details.

◆ **Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Ann Nicholls who can be contacted on **07853 271306**

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

◆ **Young Persons Officer** is Eleanor Perkins who can be contacted on **07852 404992** or **emp010697@googlemail.com**

◆ **When Father Soji** is away, 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;** A parent of the child to be baptised must be a baptised Catholic and attend Sunday Mass regularly. If you require your child to be baptised then please introduce yourself to Father at Mass on Sunday and he will discuss requirements and arrangements.

◆ **Sacrament of the sick;** Please approach Fr to receive sacrament of the sick before being admitted to hospital for treatment. If you are unable to attend mass, Fr will be happy to visit you in your home.

Blessing of the Graves 2019

The Abbey, Erdington	Sunday 3rd November 1pm
Oscott	Saturday 2nd November 3pm
Rectory Road	Sunday 10th November 3pm
Newhall	Sunday 17 th November 2.30pm
Witton	Sunday 24 th November 2.30pm
Handsworth	To be confirmed