

# Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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## TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Prisons Week

13th October 2019

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*"May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works."*



### This Wednesday we celebrate the Feast of St Gerard Majella.

The Parish of St Gerard's would like to extend a very warm invitation to all of our Parish to Mass at 2.00pm on Wednesday to celebrate the Feast of St Gerard Majella.

#### Mass Times

Sunday 13th October

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00am

With Children's Liturgy  
RCIA course 11.00am

Monday 14th October  
No Mass

Tuesday 15th October  
Funeral Mass 11.00am  
for Thomas Fleming RIP  
Followed by burial at Woodlands  
Cemetery at 12.45pm

Wednesday 16th October  
Feast of St Gerard's Majella  
Whole School Mass 2.00pm

Thursday 17th October  
No Mass  
Youth Group 7.00 pm

Friday 18th October  
Mass 9.00am

Saturday 19th October  
No Mass

Sunday 20th October  
Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00 am  
With Children's Liturgy  
Followed by Baptism

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: Thomas Fleming:** Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**The sick:** 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.

**Flower Intentions:** If you would like to have flowers placed on the Altar for a particular intention envelopes available at the back of church.

#### Offertory Collection Last Week

Gift Aid:	£ 97.50
Non Gift Aid:	£182.53
<b>Total Offertories</b>	<b>£280.03</b>
Votive Lights	£ 9.65
Piety	£ 10.00
Funeral Fee	£192.00
100 club	£250.00
Rental Income	£ 40.00
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	£ 71.22
<b>Total Banked:</b>	<b>£852.90</b>



#### World Mission Sunday

**Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please take an envelope in readiness.**

**Thank you for your continued generosity**

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

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



**Please Pray for our children as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation**

**Twitter:** @StGerardsBham

**School website:**

[www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk)

## Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **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.

- ◆ **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 community together as well as raising funds for their nominated charity CAFOD. The evening is planned for Saturday 23rd November 6.30pm-8.30pm. Tickets will be available next week priced £5. See the poster at the back of church for more details. If any parishioners are able to assist with donating cooked dishes from their native country then please give your details to Serephina at the back of church after Mass today or contact Ellie on 07852 404992.
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy:** It is very pleasing to see the numbers of children attending this liturgy and the enthusiasm of them. They are really starting to come together as a little family, making new friends and understanding their faith. Please encourage your child to join us. If you arrive to church after the children have left you can join them in the church centre.
- ◆ **Church Youth Group: Age group changed to 11-16 year olds.** Bringing together our young people, providing opportunities for them to explore, demonstrate and put into action their faith in an enjoyable social group. You may see we have reduced the age range for this group to attract out Year 6 children from school before they move onto their secondary schools. It is a great way for them to retain friendships. If any youth are interested in joining them for this then please see Ellie.
- ◆ **Refreshments:** Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after mass every Sunday. Please join together for a cuppa and a chat.
- ◆ **Refreshments Rota:** If you are able to help serve refreshments after Mass on a Sunday then please add your name to the list on the noticeboard at the back of church.
- ◆ **Offertory envelopes:** It is not too late to take a box of offertory collection boxes for use 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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Red Boxes:** Could red boxes be brought into church for counting. Thank you
- ◆ **Alter Cloth Laundry:** If anyone is able to assist with the washing of the alter cloths then please let Fr know.

### Blessing of the Graves 2019

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