



# Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*“O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.”*

### A warm welcome to those joining us today

The Parish of St Gerard's would like to extend a very warm welcome to those that have joined us today, having not attended our Parish for some time. It's a great pleasure and grace to have you here. St Gerard's is a diverse and gifted community representing different groups of people providing outreach to anyone thinking of coming back through a welcoming safe faith environment where hospitality and acceptance is the key. The first meeting of our RCIA course took place yesterday evening. Please keep those attending in our prayers over the forthcoming weeks.

#### Mass Times

**Sunday 29th September**

**Confessions 9.15-9.45am**

**Mass 10.00am**

**For Sue O'Driscoll**

**With Children's Liturgy**

**Monday 30th September**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday 1st October**

**School Mass 9.00am in school**

**Wednesday 2nd October**

**No Mass**

**Thursday 3rd October**

**No Mass**

**Church cleaning 10.00am**

**Youth Group 7.00 pm**

**Friday 4th October**

**Harvest Fast Day**

**Visiting Sick**

**Requiem Mass for Wayne Ryder**

**RIP 12.30pm**

**Mass 7.00pm**

**Saturday 5th October**

**No Mass**

**Sunday 6th October**

**Confessions 9.15-9.45am**

**Mass 10.00 am**

**With Children's Liturgy**

**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 & Wayne Ryder:** 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, 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, 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:	£ 69.50
Non Gift Aid:	£ 77.55
<b>Total Offertories</b>	<b>£147.05</b>
Votive Lights	£ 0.00
Donation	£ 95.68
2nd Collection Fr Hudson's Care	£ 54.88
<b>Total Banked:</b>	<b>£297.61</b>

**Next Sunday there will be a second collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**

**Please use the envelopes provided and if eligible complete the Gift Aid section of the envelope.**

**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 start their new academic year.**

**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 Cake Sale:** Please support our Youth Group who will be running a Cake Sale after mass today. All proceeds from this sale will be used to purchase the first items for the Youth Groups CAFOD virtual village. They are hoping to at least purchase some chickens for their farm!
- ◆ **Mass attendance:** last week: 73
- ◆ **Columban Missionaries:** Are recruiting. Please see noticeboard at the back of church.
- ◆ **Funeral Mass:** For Wayne Ryder will take place at St Gerard's on 4th October at 12.30 with Fr Solomon.
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy:** Will take place during this mornings Mass. It is very pleasing to see the numbers of children attending this liturgy. Please encourage your children to join our liturgy leaders for their own liturgy.
- ◆ **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, coming together for fun, friendship, worship and helping others. The youth have begun planning activities, the first of which is a cake sale this Sunday after 10.00 mass, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase items for our CAFOD virtual village. They are planning an outing to Oscott College soon. 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.
- ◆ **St Chad's Primary School, Birmingham** are looking to appoint a deputy head teacher from January 2020. For further information and an application pack, please contact the school on 0121 464 6554. Closing date for applications is 15th October 2019.