



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Christ the King

24th November 2019 Year C

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"Grant"

This Sunday as we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King) we also celebrate National Youth Sunday. Our Parish Youth will be leading Mass and providing refreshments after Mass. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

Mass Times

Sunday 24th November

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00am

National Youth Sunday

With Children's Liturgy

RCIA course 11.00am

Monday 25th November
9:15am in the Chapel

Tuesday 26th November
Mass 9.00am

Wednesday 27th November
Mass 9.15am in the Chapel

Thursday 28th November
No Mass

Friday 29th November
No Mass

Saturday 30th November
No Mass

Sunday 1st December
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: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they 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.

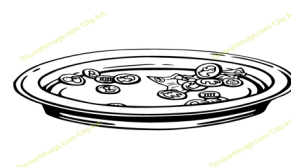
Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention: on behalf of a family member, a friend or a deceased loved one, to remember a birthday or anniversary, envelopes available at the back of church.

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:	£
Non Gift Aid:	£
Total Offertories	£
100 Club	£
Votive Lights	
Piety	£10.00
Rental Income	£450.00
Total Banked:	£

Thank you for your continued generosity



St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

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



Twitter: @StGerardsBham

School website:
www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

Parish Notice Board



St Gerard's Parish Christmas Raffle: If anyone is able to donate prizes for our Christmas raffle then please bring them into Church over the next few weeks and leave them on the table at the back of church for Sarita and Bernie to collect. Thank you!

- ◆ **Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Hayley Maclwraith who can be contacted on **07840 866201**
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Church Garden:** If anyone is able to lend a hand in removing some of the bushes then please let Sue know.
- ◆ **The Sun tokens:** The Sun have teamed up with Collins Big Cat to offer schools a free pack of books worth more than £600. Tokens will be available from Saturday 23rd November if anyone is able to collect and bring into church we will pass them on to school.
- ◆ **Tabor House:** With the cold nights setting in, Tabor House night shelter is providing a safe place for people experiencing homelessness in Birmingham. To support their work, you can buy a beautiful 2020 calendar online at <http://bit.ly/WASPSCalendar2020>. At £10 each, the calendars make excellent Christmas gifts and all proceeds go to the project.
- ◆ **Food Fusion evening:** There was a great turnout to support our Youth group and an amazing amount of £341.46 raised towards our CAFOD village. The Youth Group have decided to buy a Medical Outreach team: This life-saving charity gift can help a team of medical professionals who bring essential healthcare services to remote communities, they also share their knowledge and skills with local people by running workshops and public campaigns on vital health issues. Thank you for your continued support!
- ◆ **Ladies that Lunch:** Santa's on his Way Afternoon Tea on the 12th December 12:30-2:20pm. Invite a friend, neighbour to come along for an afternoon of food and entertainment. Please join us for festive celebrations in the parish centre.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **St Pauls Senior Citizens Christmas Party:** The Sixth Form students of St Paul's would like to invite the senior citizens of your community to a Christmas Party at St Paul's on Monday 16 December, 1pm till 3pm. Please come along and join us for singing, bingo, buffet and a fun afternoon. We would appreciate it if you could telephone the school on 0121 454 0895 to book a ticket.
- ◆ **Parish Health and Safety Officer:** Due to a more stringent approach being taken by the Diocese around Parish administration the responsibilities for this role, and others, have increased. We are looking to appoint a Health and Safety Officer. If anyone feels able to take up this role or would like further details then please contact Sue.
- ◆ **Prepare the Way Advent Concert 2019:** Jo Boyce and CJM Music performing this at St Thomas More Church, Sheldon on Sunday 8th December 2019. 6.30pm start. Tickets available 01675466254 or online. There are a few parishioners attending if anyone requires a lift?