



# Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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## THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

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*"Grant us we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good"*



**Thursday 12th December-Santa's on his way Afternoon Tea 12.30-2.30 hosted by Ladies that Lunch. Invite a friend, neighbour to come along for an afternoon of food and entertainment.**



#### Mass Times

**Sunday 17th November**

**Confessions 9.15-9.45am**

**Mass 10.00am**

**For Helen Taylor RIP**

**With Children's Liturgy**

**RCIA course 11.00am**

**Monday 18th November**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday 19th November**

**Mass 9.00am**

**For Cath Dunleavy and Mary Bradbury**

**Wednesday 20th November**

**Mass 9.00am in the Chapel**

**Thursday 21st November**

**No Mass**

**Friday 22nd November**

**Mass 9.00am in the Chapel**

**Saturday 23rd November**

**Door of Grace**

**12.00pm-4.00pm**

**Sunday 24th November**

**Confessions 9.15-9.45am**

**Youth Sunday**

**Mass 10.00 am**

**With Children's Liturgy**

**RCIA course 11.00am**

Next 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.

**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: £113.00

Non Gift Aid: £ 87.52

**Total Offertories £200.52**

**Total Banked: £200.52**

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

## Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Hayley Macllwraith 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:** You may have noticed that we have had the bushes cut back in the church garden. We are unfortunately left with the debris to be removed. If anyone is able to lend a hand in removing it bit by bit then it is hoped we can deal with it without having to pay to get it removed.
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Food Fusion evening:** A great turnout to support our Youth group and an amazing amount of £341.46 raised towards our CAFOD village. See the display at the back of church to see how many goats, chickens, bees and toilets we have now purchased! A big well done to our Youth group.
- ◆ **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:** Thank you for the volunteer to assist with the washing of the alter cloths. Your help is very much appreciated.
- ◆ **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. A big thank you goes to Frank Armstrong who has been our Parish Health and Safety representative for many years but is unable to commit to this increased responsibility. We are therefore looking to appoint a Health and Safety Officer to work alongside our Safeguarding Officer ensuring the safety of all of our parishioners. If anyone feels able to take up this role or would like further details then please contact our Parish Administrator.
- ◆ **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?

### Blessing of the Graves 2019

Newhall	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm
Witton	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm