



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th January 2020

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O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Thank you to all those that attended the parish meeting last Sunday. Please note the revised Mass times following that meeting. Weekday Masses, except whole school Mass on a Friday morning, will be held in the chapel in the presbytery and entry will be through the presbytery front door. As and when numbers increase we can move into the church.

The request for an early Mass before school/work has been accommodated and this week we will begin Monday morning Mass at 8.15am. Additional Sunday Masses has been noted, as the congregation grows we will look to provide either a Saturday evening Mass that fulfils your Sunday obligation or a Sunday evening Mass. Confessions will now be available every Saturday between 11.00am and 11.45am. Entry to the church for confessions will be through the main church doors.

Mass Times

Sunday 26th January

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00am

With Children's Liturgy

Monday 27th January

Mass 8.15am

Tuesday 28th January

Mass 7.00pm

For Billy Diggins RIP

Wednesday 29th January

Mass 10.00am

Thursday 30th January

Youth Group 7.00pm

Friday 31st January

Whole School Mass 9.00am

Mass 7.00pm

For Billy Diggins RIP

Saturday 1st February

Confessions 11.00am-11.45am

Sunday 2nd February

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

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: Carol Bache: 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, 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 Mathew 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 for 19th January 2020

Gift Aid	£ 67.60
Non Gift Aid	£ 79.34
Total Offertory	£146.94
Second Collection	£ 47.67
Votive Candles	£ 8.73
Total Banked	£203.34

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

Whole School Mass will take place in Church every Friday 9.00am. Please join the children to celebrate this Mass.

- ◆ **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**
- ◆ **Parish Health and Safety Officer:** Vacancy exists
- ◆ **Parish Finance Committee** is currently made up of Fr, Sue Perkins and Sue Byrne. We would welcome another two members if anyone would like to volunteer.
- ◆ **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 speak to Father at Mass on a Sunday .
- ◆ **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.

Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **A message from Fr Mathew Pinakkattu:** Life is a journey and as Christians we have all the same end in our journey– eternal life with God. Let us help each other on this journey as we all belong to God's family. You can catch me anytime in the presbytery or you can call me on the parish number or my mobile 07788 790928. May St Gerard protect and guide us. Please support me and pray for me. Your parish priest, Fr Mathew.
- ◆ **Applications for St Gerard's Nursery September 2020:** If your child is born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 and you would like to apply for a place for them in our nursery please contact the school office on 0121 464 2613.
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy Group:** Feedback from the children and parents of the children who attend our children's liturgy say that this group is a welcome addition to our weekly Mass and that the children are enjoying hearing and learning their own liturgy as well as creating lots of interesting things which we get to enjoy around our Church. Please continue to support the excellent work that the liturgy leaders are doing. Thank you.
- ◆ **Youth Group:** This group have achieved some amazing things thanks to the support of our Parish. They are busy planning activities for this new year both for the Parish, for their chosen charity CAFOD and for their own spiritual development. Meetings are currently Thursday evening 7.00 until 8.30pm. Ages 11 to 18 and open to young adults from within and outside our Parish. Next weekend they are introducing Fr to Bowling and Indoor Golf! We hope they have a wonderful time.
- ◆ **Parish Roles:** Thank you to all those that volunteered to join the various committees required to keep our Parish running . Sue will be making contact with those who gave their details shortly. If any other parishioners would like to join either our Pastoral, Social, Property or Finance committees then please let Sue know.
- ◆ **Church Centre:** Survey report has been received and shared with the Diocese. Fr will be meeting with the Diocese shortly to review the report and discuss our plans for the centre.
- ◆ **Church Garden:** As we have been unsuccessful in securing any help in clearing the church garden we will be arranging for a skip to be delivered to the Presbytery drive on Friday. If anyone is able to lend a hand filling the skip with the garden rubbish over the weekend then please let Sue know. The garden and the church centre were both identified in the recent survey as areas that needed addressing immediately and a lot of the removing can be done by us if we work together. All help would be very much appreciated.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS'

We are all encouraged to celebrate, live, and share God's Word during this year 2020. Based on St Matthew's Gospel Prayer:

Living God, you walk beside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son Jesus Christ listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be you witnesses throughout the world. Amen

Our Lady of the Assumption Pray for us

St Matthew Pray for us

St Jerome Pray for us