



# Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9th February 2020 Year A Page 133**

### *The Pope's Prayer Intention for February*

*Listen to the Migrant's Cries: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.*

Fr Mathew will be away from Monday to Thursday this week attending a Priests retreat. Please pray for him.

Fr Biju will celebrate Mass on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm and Fr will be back for whole school Mass on Friday morning at 9.00am. There will be no Mass this week on Monday or Wednesday. If you need a priest in an emergency whilst Fr is away then please contact him on his mobile 07788 790928 and he will arrange.

### Mass Times

#### Sunday 9th February

Mass 10.00 am

**For Sheila Ann Goldsmith**

*With Children's Liturgy*

*Baptism 11.00am*

**Ollie Thomas Keen**

#### Monday 10th February

No Mass

#### Tuesday 11th February

Mass 7.00pm

**With Fr Biju**

#### Wednesday 12th February

No Mass

#### Thursday 13th February

Youth Group 7.00pm

#### Friday 14th February

Whole School Mass 9.00am

#### Saturday 15th February

Confessions 11.00am-11.45am

#### Sunday 16th February

Mass 10.00 am

**For Catherine Tipper RIP**

*With Children's Liturgy*

*Baptism 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:** Stan Oliver, Frances Irwin, George Irwin, Jean Chambers, Linda Conroy, Debbie Johnson, Perry Desmond, Philip Fox, Kevin Hollis, Bernie Bergin, 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 2nd February 2020

Gift Aid	£
Non Gift Aid	£
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£</b>
Votive Candles	£
Donation 100 Club	£
Donation for Church Centre	£
<b>Total Banked</b>	<b>£ to be published next week</b>

**Today there will be a Second Collection for Racial Justice Sunday.**



## 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@googlegmail.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.
- ◆ **Spaces available 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:** It is great to see the numbers growing for this Group. Please continue to support the excellent work that the liturgy leaders are doing. Thank you.
- ◆ **Youth Group:** Meetings are currently Thursday evening 7.00 until 8.00pm. Ages 11 to 18 and open to young adults from within and outside our Parish. Cake Sale is planned for Sunday 23rd February. The Youth will be baking, raffling and selling cakes to raise funds for our Church. Please support their efforts.
- ◆ **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 met with the Diocese this week to review the report and discuss our plans for the centre. We await their agreement for the way forward.
- ◆ **Church Garden:** Thank you to those parishioners that helped clear the Church Garden over this weekend. We are to sow some grass seed so hopefully we will soon have a lush new lawn. Anyone who wanted to donate any pots (preferably filled with plants/flowers) to add some colour to our garden then they would be gratefully received.
- ◆ **Church Cleaning:** Thank you to the ladies that cleaned our church this week. As School Mass will take place every Friday morning it has been decided that the most appropriate time for cleaning would be at 10.00am after this Mass. Rather than clean the whole church once a month we are going to trial spending 30-45 minutes every Friday concentrating on different areas. Anyone able to lend a hand would be very welcome.

### 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**