



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

It would appear that our prayers have been answered and Fr Mathew has returned to us following his Priests retreat!

A meeting was held with the Diocese on 5th February to discuss the outcome of the recent survey report of the Parish and the plans that we have for our Parish. We await agreement from the Diocese regarding those plans, in particular any financial support that may be available. In the meantime we would like to establish the committees required to take those plans through and have arranged a Parish Council meeting for Thursday 20th February 2020 at 7.00pm in the church centre. If those parishioners that expressed an interest in being part of the Parish Council could do their best to attend then we can start to formalise the various functions and required actions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mass Times

Sunday 16th February

Mass 10.00 am

For Catherine Tipper RIP
With Children's Liturgy

Monday 17th February

Mass 10.00am

Tuesday 18th February

Mass 7.00pm

Wednesday 19th February

Mass 10.00am

Thursday 20th February

Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm

Youth Group 7.00pm

Friday 21st February

Mass 7.00pm

Saturday 22nd February

Confessions 11.00am-11.45am

Mass 5.00pm

For Doreen Mooney and Ivy Louise Davies

Sunday 23rd February

Mass 10.00 am

With Children's Liturgy

Baptism 11.00am

Avaeh & Eloise Jackson

Recently died and 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.

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.

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 are 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 2nd February 2020

Gift Aid	£ 84.90
Non Gift Aid	£105.74
Total Offertory	£190.64
Votive Candles	£ 15.35
Donation 100 Club	£261.00
Donation for Church Centre	£ 40.00
Total Banked	£506.99

Offertory Collection 9th February 2020

Gift Aid	£ 79.50
Non Gift Aid	£125.79
Total Offertory	£205.29
Votive Candles	£ 12.01
Donation 100 Club	£100.00
Donation for Baptism	£ 30.00
Piety	£ 10.00
Total Banked	£ 357.30

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



◆ **Today there will be a second collection for the LIFE Charity.**

◆ **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.

◆ **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.***

◆ **Church Garden:** 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. In addition if anyone could spare an hour or so throughout the week to generally tidy up and trim back and tend to any pots then pop in to the garden. The side gate is always open.

◆ **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.

◆ **Raffle:** Our Filipino community are remembering their deceased friends next Saturday evening with Mass at 5.00pm and then food and refreshments in the church centre afterwards. All proceeds raised from this occasion, which includes a raffle with some wonderful prizes, have been pledged to our Parish. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass today if you would like to support this fundraising activity.

◆ **Parish Council meeting:** This Thursday evening 7.00pm in the Sacristy. If you have expressed an interest in assisting with the many functions regarding the running of our Parish then please do your best to attend this meeting. There are a whole list of roles and responsibilities for us all to consider!

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 your witnesses throughout the world. Amen

Our Lady of the Assumption Pray for us

St Matthew Pray for us

St Jerome Pray for us