



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale
 part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham—Registered Charity No. 234216
 Parish Priest: **Father Mathew Pinakkattu**
 Email: stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com
 Presbytery: 2 Renfrew Square, Castle Vale,
 Birmingham B35 6JT T: 0121 747 7390 W: www.stgerardschurch.co.uk



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd February 2020 Year A Page 139

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.

Mass Times

Sunday 23rd February

Mass 10.00 am
 With Children's Liturgy

Baptism 11.00 am
Avaeh & Eloise Jackson

Monday 24th February
 Mass 8.15 am

Tuesday 25th February
 Mass 7.00pm

Wednesday 26th February
Ash Wednesday
 Whole School Mass 9.00am
 Mass 7.00 pm

Thursday 27th February
 Youth Group 7.00pm

Friday 28th February
 Mass 7.00pm in Church followed by
 Stations of the Cross

Saturday 29th February
 Confessions 11.00am-11.45am

Sunday 1st March
First Sunday of Lent
 Mass 10.00 am
 With Children's Liturgy

Parish Youth Group Fundraising

Bake Sale and Cake Raffle

Our Youth came together yesterday to bake a selection of cakes which are available by way of a raffle and cake sale after Mass today. Please support them as they raise funds for our Parish. The proceeds from today along with donations from our Filipino community fundraising last night mark the start of our Parish fundraising towards renovating our parish community space in the church centre. Thankyou to both for their efforts.

Thankyou to all those that attended the Parish meeting on Thursday evening. Nobody left without a "job"! It is wonderful that the community cohesion of our Parish is recognised and that there is so much enthusiasm within our Parish to get involved with its day to day running. We do have a lot to do but our hard work is starting to pay off.

Recently died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

We have been advised that Fr Jude's mother passed away suddenly this week. Please keep him and her in your prayers this week.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she 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, Tina Clarke, Father Gabby Maguire & all the sick priests of the diocese. May the Lord grant them the healing they require.

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 16th February 2020

Gift Aid	£ 64.00
Non Gift Aid	£ 84.57
Total Offertory	£148.57
Votive Candles	£ 8.50
Second Collection - Pro Life	£ 34.18
Second Collection - Racial Justice	£ 36.55
Total Banked	£ 227.80

Notice:

Mandatory second collections will be notified the week before they are to take place and will take place by way of an additional offertory collection after Communion.

On all other weeks, unless a specific second collection is requested, we will hold a retiring collection by way of a basket collection for donations towards our Parish and the work we are doing to renovate our Church Centre.

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 Ash Wednesday service will take place in Church this Wednesday at 9.00am.

Who's Who?

- ◆ **Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Hayley MacIlwraith who can be contacted on **07840 866201**
- ◆ **Parish Administrator** is Sue Perkins who can be contacted on **07971 076835** or **orstgerardscv.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:** Hayley MacIlwraith
- ◆ **Parish Finance Committee** is currently made up of Fr, Sue Perkins and Sue Byrne.
- ◆ **Pastoral Committee** is currently being led by Shirley Harris
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.

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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **St Gerard's 100 Club:** There are currently some numbers available for our 100 club. This tote provides a very valuable source of income for our Parish. If any parishioners, family of parishioners, work colleagues were interested in taking these numbers and indeed any more numbers that we could make available then please see Frank.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Parish Council meeting:** Next meeting planned for Thursday 19th March at 7.00pm.
- ◆ **Ladies that Lunch:** Another wonderful afternoon tea with quiz was held this week. Numbers are starting to grow as word gets around about this afternoon. The dates for the forthcoming teas are:

Thursday 19th March. 12.30 pm

Thursday 16th April 12.30 pm

Thursday 21st May 12.30 pm

Thursday 18th June 12.30 pm

Put the dates in your diaries and bring a friend!

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS'

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