



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

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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.

Please note the revised Mass times. 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.

The request for an early Mass before school/work will take place on a Monday morning Mass at 8.15am.

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 2nd February

Mass 10.00am

For Catherine McAlinden

With Children's Liturgy

Monday 3rd February

Mass 8.15am

Tuesday 4th February

Mass 7.00pm

For Billy Diggins RIP

Wednesday 5th February

Memorial of St Agatha

Mass 10.00am

For Aggie Maher RIP

Thursday 6th February

Youth Group 7.00pm

Friday 7th February

Whole School Mass 9.00am

Mass 7.00pm

Saturday 8th February

Confessions 11.00am-11.45am

Sunday 9th February

Racial Justice Sunday

Mass 10.00 am

For Sheila Ann Goldsmith

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: 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, 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 26th January 2020

Gift Aid	£ 82.00
Non Gift Aid	£126.90
Total Offertory	£208.90
Votive Candles	£ 9.47
Donation 100 Club	£100.00
Total Banked	£318.37

Thank you for your continued generosity

~~Next Sunday 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@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.
- ◆ **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:** Thank you to those parishioners that helped clear the Church Garden over this weekend. We are to sow some 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.

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