



## Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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### Second Sunday of Lent

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#### The Popes Prayer Intentions for March

*We Pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in Unity.*

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.

#### Mass Times

##### Sunday 8th March

##### First Sunday of Lent

*Day of Prayer for the  
Candidates for the Sacraments*

Mass 10.00 am

##### **For Ivy Bayliss 90th Birthday**

*With Children's Liturgy*

##### Monday 9th March

Mass 8.15 am

##### Tuesday 10th March

Mass 7.00pm

##### Wednesday 11th March

Mass 10.00am

##### Thursday 12th March

Youth Group 7.00pm

##### Friday 13th March

Whole School Mass 9.00 am

##### **For Michael Rochford RIP**

Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

##### Saturday 14th March

Confessions 4.15pm - 4.45pm

##### **Vigil Mass 5.00pm**

#### Parish Fundraising

Our first Social Committee meeting took place after Mass last week. So here is what we are up to:

Easter Raffle— please leave any donations of Easter/chocolate prizes at the back of Church.

Easter Egg Hunt/Party for the children— to be organised with Young Persons Officer

Pilgrimage to Walsingham— Saturday 9th May—Please express interest after Mass. Cost £4 per pilgrim plus travel costs. If there is sufficient interest we will explore hiring a coach or buddying up with a neighbouring parish so costs will be confirmed.

Possible Parish Summer Fayre!- to be discussed at our next meeting.

Our first Finance Committee meeting will take place after Mass today.

#### 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, Tina Parkes, 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 1st March 2020

Gift Aid	£ 72.00
Non Gift Aid	£113.70
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£185.70</b>
Votive Candles	£ 15.95
Donation— 100 Club	£100.00
Cathedral Maintenance	£ 73.65
<b>Total Banked</b>	<b>£375.30</b>

Thank you for your continued generosity

#### Notice

##### 2nd collection today for CAFOD Family Fast

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

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

*Thank you for your continued generosity*

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



Twitter: @StGerardsBham

Website: www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

School would like to say a BIG thank you to all parishioners that collected the Sun book tokens. They have this week taken delivery of large delivery of books which will be very useful as they refit the school library.

### Who's Who?

- ◆ **Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Hayley Macilwraith : contact on **07840 866201**
- ◆ **Parish Administrator** is Sue Perkins: contact on **07971 076835** or **stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com**
- ◆ **Young Persons Officer** is Eleanor Perkins: contact on **07852 404992** or **emp010697@googlemail.com**
- ◆ **Parish Health and Safety Officer:** Hayley Macilwraith contact on **07840 866201**
- ◆ **Parish Finance Committee** is made up of Fr, Sue Perkins, Sue Byrne, Therese and Frank.
- ◆ **Pastoral Committee** is currently being led by Shirley Harris
- ◆ **Social Committee** is made up of Beulah, Sarita, Bernie, Rosaline and Sue.
- ◆ **Premises Committee** is still to be established. Interested in joining this committee? Speak to Sue Perkins.
- ◆ **Baptisms;** A parent and Godparent of the child to be baptised must be a baptised Catholic, attend Sunday Mass regularly and undertake 3 preparation meetings. If you require your child to be baptised speak to Father for details of forthcoming meetings.
- ◆ **Communion to the Sick and Housebound:** Anyone who is unable to go to Mass and would like Communion or would like to receive sacrament of the sick before going into hospital, speak to Fr and he will endeavour to arrange.
- ◆ **Parish Council meeting:** Next meeting planned for Thursday 19th March at 7.00pm.

## Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Family Fast Day Friday 6th March:** Envelopes are available at the back of church if you did not get one last week. If all donations can be placed in the envelopes at the back of church today.
- ◆ **Easter Cards and St Patrick's Day Cards:** Both are available for purchase from our Piety stall.
- ◆ **St Joseph's Coleshill:** Please see the poster on the noticeboard regarding this residential and respite care home
- ◆ **Saturday Vigil Mass:** As our children prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion, Fr has arranged for Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.00pm for those unable to attend Sunday Mass.
- ◆ **St Gerard's 100 Club:** There are 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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Archdiocese of Birmingham:** Finance Support Manager: The Diocese are looking to appoint a Finance Support Manager to its Finance Team. Please see advert on the Church noticeboard.
- ◆ **Red APF boxes:** If you haven't already please could any boxes be brought into and left at the back of Church so emptying can be arranged. Thank you.
- ◆ **Ladies that Lunch:** 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

### 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 you witnesses throughout the world. Amen*

**Our Lady of the Assumption Pray for us**

**St Matthew Pray for us , St Jerome Pray for us**