



# Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**4th August 2019**

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*“Draw close to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored ”*

### Visit from Legion of Mary: 31st August 2019-7th September 2019.

If anyone is able to host any of the 8 visitors then please let Fr Soji know as soon as possible

**Lord, make those who are not well, get better and grant those who have died eternal rest in your heavenly home. Amen**

#### Mass Times

##### Sunday 4th August

Confessions 9.15 -9.45 am  
Mass 10.000 am

**For Deceased members of the Woolgrove family.**

##### Monday 5th August

Mass 10.00 am

##### Tuesday 6th August

Mass 10.00 am

**Transfiguration of the Lord**

##### Wednesday 7th August

No Mass

##### Thursday 8th August

No Mass

##### Friday 9th August

Mass 7.00 pm

**For David Cooper R.I.P**

##### Saturday 10th August

2nd Saturday Bible Convention at Bethel Convention Centre West Bromwich

##### Sunday 11th August

Confessions 9.15 -9.45 am  
Mass 10.000 am

**Recently died:** Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**The sick:** George Irwin, Linda Conroy, Debbie Johnson, Perry Desmond, Philip Fox, Kevin Hollis, 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 Soji 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, Mass Intention envelopes available at the back of church.

**Flower Intentions:** If you would like to have flowers placed on the Altar for a particular intention: on behalf of a family member, a friend or a deceased loved one, to remember a birthday or anniversary, Flower Intention envelopes available at the back of church.

#### Offertory Collection Last Week

Gift aid	£ 88.00
Non-gift aid (loose)	£126.80
<b>Total Offertories</b>	<b>£214.80</b>
Votive Lights	£ 28.42
<b>Total Banked</b>	<b>£243.22</b>

**Thank you for your continued generosity**

#### Altar Flowers this week

In remembrance of the deceased members of the Woolgrove family

**Thank you**



## Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

### Readers

Reading: Anne-Marie Hayes

Bidding prayers: Sarah Hayes

### Eucharistic Ministers

Frank Armstrong

Ann Nicholls

Stan Oliver

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

*'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'*



**Twitter:** @StGerardsBham

**School website:**

[www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk)

## Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Mass attendance:** last week: 76
- ◆ **Young Persons Officer:** Eleanor Perkins has taken up her new role as our Parish Young Persons Officer and will be working with the youth of the Parish encouraging their participation in Parish life. Please support her and pray for her in her efforts.
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy:** Will start during Sunday morning Mass from September Thank you to those parishioners who have volunteered to help run this on a rota basis. If you would like to get involved then please contact our Young Persons Officer.
- ◆ **Church Youth Group:** Will start Thursday evenings 7.00-8.30 from September. Thank you to the youth who have expressed an interest in getting involved. This promises to be an enjoyable social group where our Youth can get together for fun, friendship, worship and helping others.
- ◆ **Ladies that Lunch (or men!):** Next get together on Thursday 22 August 2019, 12.30pm-2.30pm.
- ◆ **Refreshments :** Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after mass every Sunday. Please join together for a cuppa and a chat.
- ◆ **Refreshments Rota:** If you are able to help serve refreshments after Mass on a Sunday then please add your name to the list on the noticeboard at the back of church.
- ◆ **St Gerard's Nursery:** There is currently a space in our Nursery for September 2019 for a child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016. Anyone interested should contact the school office on 0121 464 2613.
- ◆ **Head Teacher vacancy:** Anyone interested should visit the school website for details.
- ◆ **Gift Aid:** UK tax payers can sign up to Gift Aid and we can collect 25% more from our offertory collections. For more information please contact our Parish Administrator.
- ◆ **Church cleaning:** Thank you to those ladies ,and Neville, that cleaned the church this weekend. We are planning on cleaning once a month on the Friday before 1st Friday 10.00 am if anyone is free to join us.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Harvington Hall:** The annual Harvington Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 1st September.
- ◆ **St Joseph's Care Home, Coleshill** offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting plus respite care for those that could benefit from a short stay. Please call Father Hudson's Care on 01675 434500.
- ◆ **Trip to the seaside:** Youngstars have organised a community trip to Weston Super Mare on Saturday 17th August 2019. Cost is £16.50 per person and the coach will leave from the church centre at 8.00am and leave Weston Super Mare at 6.00pm. To book your place please contact Youngstars at the church centre.

- ◆ **Our Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Ann Nicholls who can be contacted on **07853 271306**
- ◆ **Our Parish Administrator** is Sue Perkins who can be contacted on **07971 076835** or **stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com**
- ◆ **Our Young Persons Officer** is Eleanor Perkins who can be contacted on **07852 404992** or **emp010697@googlemail.com**
- ◆ **When Father Soji** is away, in any emergency, please contact **Fr. Leonard Cox** on **07790 827184**
- ◆ **Newsletter;** If you would like news or events advertised in Sunday's newsletter, please contact the Parish Administrator no later than Thursday.
- ◆ **Baptisms;** Please contact the Parish Administrator to obtain an application form and make arrangements. Parent(s) have to be baptised Catholic and attend Sunday Mass regularly.