



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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Third Sunday of Easter

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The Popes Prayer Intentions for April

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied

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.

HAPPY EASTER!

Although we are all facing a difficult and hard time as we are fighting against this dangerous global pandemic; the joy and the happiness and healing of Easter is with us all. May the Risen Lord bless, heal and protect you and your loved ones always.

Please visit the Archdiocese of Birmingham website for links to live streaming of daily masses from various churches in Birmingham.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

Private Mass each day at 9.30am

Sunday 26th April

For Richard Woolgrove RIP

Monday 27th April

Tuesday 28th April

Wednesday 29th April

Thursday 30th April

Friday 1st May

Saturday 2nd May

Sunday 3rd May

Recently died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John Madden: Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Bishop Leo McCartie**, who sadly died on 23rd April, aged 94. We pray for Bishop Leo's family and friends and for all who mourn him. May he rest in peace.

The sick: Janice Pidgeon, Kath Taylor, 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 or email Fr Mathew.

Flower Intentions: If you would like to have flowers placed on the Altar for a particular intention envelopes available at the back of church or email Fr Mathew.

Offertory Collection 19th April 2020

Gift Aid

Non Gift Aid

Total Offertory

Piety

Votive Lights

Total Banked



Notice

Obviously our Parish relies heavily on the weekly offertory collection especially as we are currently receiving no rental income from the Church Centre. Thank you to those parishioners who pay their offerings by way of Standing Order as these will continue to be received. For those that use envelopes or contribute through the offertory collection, please remember your church in the absence of weekly masses and continue to provide for those offerings which can be collected when our Church reopens. A standing order form is available on our website if you wished to set this up or alternatively there is an online giving option on the Archdiocese website.

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

Parish Notice Board



WHAT TO DO WHEN WE CANNOT ATTEND MASS?

To follow the Mass celebrated by Pope Francis: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en>

Masses and Services elsewhere: <https://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/>

We are encouraged to make a 'spiritual communion' as it will strengthen our "desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist" (St John Paul II). Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: 'When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a "spiritual communion", which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.'

How Do I Make a "Spiritual Communion"? Alone or together with others in your household, make the sign of the cross. You could read the Gospel of the day. Then share prayer intentions quietly or aloud. Say the Lord's Prayer, then make an act of spiritual communion.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. Close with the sign of the cross.

Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic: O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

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 of the child to be baptised must be baptised, attend Sunday Mass regularly and undertake 3 preparation meetings. If you require your child to be baptised then please speak to Father for details of forthcoming preparation 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? Let Fr Mathew know and he will endeavour to arrange.

Bishop Patrick Leo McCartie was born in Hartlepool on the 5th September 1925. He studied for the priesthood at St Mary's College, Oscott and was ordained priest on the 17th July 1949 at St Teresa's, Trent Vale in Staffordshire. He spent a year as an assistant priest at St Chad's Cathedral, followed by six years on the teaching staff at Cotton College and as assistant priest in St Wilfrid's, Cotton. After relatively short spells as an assistant priest in parishes in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and then Wednesbury, he was made the Diocesan Inspector of Schools in 1962. In 1968 he was made the Administrator of St Chad's Cathedral. On 20 May 1977, Bishop Leo was ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham and Titular Bishop of Elmham. In February 1990, he was appointed as the tenth Bishop of Northampton where he served until his retirement in 2001. Following his retirement, Bishop Leo lived at Aston Hall before moving to St Joseph's Home, Harborne in 2012. On 17th July, 2019, Bishop Leo celebrated 70 years of priestly ministry surrounded by bishops, priests, family and friends and the community at St Joseph's Home.