



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised.”

Youth Group Food Fusion Evening: *An evening aimed at bringing our parish community together as well as raising funds for their nominated charity CAFOD. The evening is planned for Saturday 9th November 6.30pm-8.30pm. Tickets are available after Mass today. Our Youth group have worked hard organising this event and are grateful for the support they have received to date. Please try to come along with friends and family to enjoy this bringing together of our community with great food!*

Mass Times

Sunday 3rd November
Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00am
for James Whelan & Mr J Campbell

With Children's Liturgy

RCIA course 11.00am

Mass 5.00pm
for Karen Ryan RIP

Monday 4th November
No Mass

Tuesday 5th November
Mass 9.00am
For the Campbell family

Wednesday 6th November
No Mass

Thursday 7th November
No Mass

Friday 8th November
Mass 7.00pm
for the Sweeny family

Saturday 9th November
No Mass

Sunday 10th November
Remembrance Day
Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00 am
With Children's Liturgy

RCIA course 11.00am

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

Recently died: Mary Angela Rivers: Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

The sick: Frances Irwin, George Irwin, Sue O'Driscoll, Jean Chambers, 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, 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.

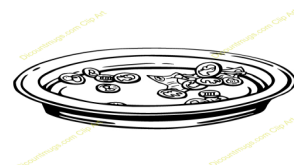
Offertory Collection last week

Gift Aid:	£ 96.00
Non Gift Aid:	£190.56
Total Offertories	£286.56
Votive Lights	£ 35.40
2nd Collection APF World Mission	£ 33.20
Coffees	£17.40
Total Banked:	£372.56

Thank you for your continued generosity

Johnson Association Retired clergy

Today there will be a Second Collection for the Johnson Association which provides funding to care for our retired clergy.



St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



Twitter: @StGerardsBham

School website:

www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

School re-opens Monday 4th November 8.55am

Parish Notice Board



◆ Church Youth Group: Age group changed to 11-16 year olds.

You may see we have reduced the age range for this group to attract out Year 6 children from our school before they move onto their secondary schools. Bringing together our young people, providing opportunities for them to explore, demonstrate and put into action their faith in an enjoyable social group. Anyone interested in joining us please speak to Ellie after Mass today.

◆ Dates for your diary:

◆ Saturday 9th November– Youth Group Food Fusion evening 6.30-8.30- Tickets available £5.00

◆ Thursday 14th November-Go dotty for Children in Need Afternoon Tea 12.30-2.30 hosted by Ladies that Lunch

◆ Thursday 12th December-Santa's on his way Afternoon Tea 12.30-2.30 hosted by Ladies that Lunch

◆ **Offertory envelopes:** It is not too late to take a box of offertory collection boxes for your weekly offerings. Please see our Parish Administrator if you are a regular visitor to St Gerard's and feel able to make regular offerings.

◆ **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:** We are planning on cleaning once a month on the first Friday at 10.00 am if anyone is free to join us.

◆ **Alter Cloth Laundry:** If anyone is able to assist with the washing of the alter cloths then please let Fr know.

◆ **Bishop Challoner Teaching School Academy** is currently working with around 40 Primary and Secondary schools in the Birmingham area to help new teachers into the profession. Anyone is welcome to join them for a free information morning on Wednesday 6th November at 9.00 am to find out more about the School Direct / PGCE route into this exciting and rewarding profession. See poster at the back of church for details.

Blessing of the Graves 2019

The Abbey, Erdington	Sunday 3rd November 1pm
Oscott	Saturday 2nd November 3pm
Rectory Road	Sunday 10th November 3pm
Newhall	Sunday 17 th November 2.30pm
Witton	Sunday 24 th November 2.30pm
Handsworth	To be confirmed

◆ **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**

◆ **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;** 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 introduce yourself to Father at Mass on Sunday and he will discuss requirements and arrangements.

◆ **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 Health and Safety Officer:** Due to a more stringent approach being taken by the Diocese around Parish administration the responsibilities for this role, and others, have increased. A big thank you goes to Frank Armstrong who has been our Parish Health and Safety representative for many years but is unable to commit to this increased responsibility. We are therefore looking to appoint a Health and Safety Officer to work alongside our Safeguarding Officer and Young Persons Officer ensuring the safety of all of our parishioners. If anyone feels able to take up this role or would like further details then please contact our Parish Administrator .