

# Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10th November 2019

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**Youth Group Food Fusion Evening:** Thank you to everyone that came along last night and supported this event. A particular thank you to those parishioners that donated the food which was delicious. Proceeds have not been counted yet but an enjoyable evening was had by all so we look forward to putting on another evening in the near future. If you were unable to make last night then look out for our future events. Thank you.

#### Mass Times

**Sunday 10th November  
Remembrance Sunday**

**Confessions 9.15-9.45am**

**Mass 10.00am**

**For Peter McKeon**

**With Children's Liturgy**

**RCIA course 11.00am**

**Monday 11th November  
Mass 6.30pm**

**Foe Sehion Ministries**

**Tuesday 12th November  
Class Mass 9.00am in  
School— Year 4**

**Wednesday 13th November  
Funeral Service 11.00am  
For Mary Angela Rivers**

**Thursday 14th November  
No Mass**

**Friday 15th November  
Mass 10.00am  
For Bil Heekin Tommy**

**Saturday 16th November  
No Mass**

**Sunday 17th November  
Confessions 9.15-9.45am**

**Mass 10.00 am  
With Children's Liturgy**

**RCIA course 11.00am**

**Remembrance Sunday:** Today we honour those who have lost their lives serving our country, the freedoms and way of life that we enjoy. We acknowledge especially the sacrifice of our Armed Forces from Britain and the Commonwealth, our emergency services and innocent civilians who have died as a result of conflict and terrorism. We will remember them.

**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:	£ 51.00
Non Gift Aid:	£164.49
<b>Total Offertories</b>	<b>£215.49</b>
Votive Lights	£ 21.36
2nd Collection Johnson Assoc	£ 42.33
Donation— Sehion Ministry	£ 40.00
<b>Total Banked:</b>	<b>£319.18</b>



## 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



- ◆ **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.

- ◆ **New Signage:** You will see we have had new signs outside of church and the church centre. We hope you agree that these improve the appeal of our church from outside. You may also have noticed we have reinstated the lettering above the church centre entrance.
- ◆ **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:**
  - ◆ 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.
- ◆ **Church Garden:** You may have noticed that we have had the bushes cut back in the church garden. We are unfortunately left with the debris to be removed. If anyone is able to lend a hand in removing it bit by bit then it is hoped we can deal with it without having to pay to get it removed.
- ◆ **Alter Cloth Laundry:** If anyone is able to assist with the washing of the alter cloths then please let Fr know.
- ◆ **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 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 .

### Blessing of the Graves 2019

Rectory Road	Sunday 10th November 3pm
Newhall	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm
Witton	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm
Handsworth	To be confirmed