



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th August 2019

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“O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.”

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

We still require volunteers to host any of the 8 visitors. Please let Fr Soji know as soon as possible if you are able to assist.

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 25th August

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00am

For Jean McDonald

Monday 26th August

No Mass

Tuesday 27th August

No Mass

Wednesday 28th August

No Mass

Thursday 29th August

No Mass

Friday 30th August

Church Cleaning 10.00am

Mass 7.00 pm

Saturday 31st August

No Mass

Sunday 1st September

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.000 am

With Children's Liturgy

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

The sick: Jean Chambers, 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

To Be Announced shortly

Thank you for your continued generosity



Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

Reading: Yvonne Kinahan

Bidding prayers: Frances Irwin

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

Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Mass attendance:** last week:
- ◆ **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 19th September 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:** 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.

- ◆ **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.