



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Day of Prayer for the Harvest

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“O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.”

A warm welcome to those joining us today

The Parish of St Gerard's would like to extend a very warm welcome to those that have joined us today, having not attended our Parish for some time. It's a great pleasure and grace to have you here. St Gerard's is a diverse and gifted community representing different groups of people providing outreach to anyone thinking of coming back through a welcoming safe faith environment where hospitality and acceptance is the key. There will be a short meeting after Mass today for all those interested in attending RCIA course.

Mass Times

Sunday 22nd September

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00am

For Thomas Walker R.I.P

With Children's Liturgy

Followed by RCIA meeting

Monday 23rd September

Mass 10.00am

Tuesday 24th September

School Mass 9.00am

Wednesday 25th September

No Mass

Thursday 26th September

No Mass

Youth Group 7.00 pm

Friday 27th September

Mass 9.00am

Saturday 28th September

No Mass

Young Adults gathering with

Sehion UK from 12.00-4.00pm

Sunday 29th September

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00 am

With Children's Liturgy

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

Recently died: Wayne Ryder: Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he 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, 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:	£ 89.40
Non Gift Aid:	£160.70
Total Offertories	£250.10
Votive Lights	£ 11.92
Donation from Legion of Mary	£120.00
2nd Collection	£ 35.41
Total Banked:	£417.43

This Sunday there will be a second collection for Fr Hudson's Care.

Please use the envelopes provided and if eligible complete the Gift Aid section of the envelope.

Thank you for your continued generosity

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together
with Jesus'



Please Pray for our children as they start their new academic year.

Twitter: @StGerardsBham

School website:

www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Ann Nicholls who can be contacted on **07853 271306**
- ◆ **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;** Parent(s) 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.
- ◆ **Youth Group Cake Sale:** Please support our Youth Group who will be running a Cake Sale after mass next Sunday. If anyone is able to contribute any home made cakes for sale then please bring them along to Church next Sunday. All proceeds from this sale will be used to purchase the first items for the Youth Groups CAFOD virtual village. They are hoping to at least purchase some chickens for their farm!
- ◆ **Mass attendance:** last week: 132
- ◆ **This weeks Second Collection is for Fr Hudson's Care:** *We can't change the world but we can help change someone's world.* Envelopes are at the back of church in readiness for this collection, Please take one and complete the Gift Aid declaration if possible.
- ◆ **Columban Missionaries:** Are recruiting. Please see noticeboard at the back of church.
- ◆ **Funeral Mass:** For Wayne Ryder will take place at St Gerard's on 4th October at 12.30 with Fr Solomon.
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy:** Will take place during this mornings Mass. It is very pleasing to see the numbers of children attending this liturgy. Please encourage your children to join our liturgy leaders for their own liturgy.
- ◆ **Church Youth Group:** bringing together our young people, providing opportunities for them to explore, demonstrate and put into action their faith in an enjoyable social group, where they can come together for fun, friendship, worship and helping others. This week attendance increased by 100%! The youth have begun planning activities, the first of which is a cake sale on Sunday 29th September after 10.00 mass, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase items for our CAFOD virtual village.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Offertory envelopes:** It is not too late to take a box of offertory collection boxes for use 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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **RCIA meetings:** Following the success of our recent visit from the Legion of Mary we will be looking at starting an RCIA course for those people looking at joining the Catholic faith as well as those that may wish to learn more about their faith. There will be a short meeting after Mass today for those that are interested.