



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Home Mission Day

15th September 2019 Year C Page136

"Look upon us O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart."

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.

Mass Times

Sunday 15th September

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00am

Thanksgiving for the Ordination of Fr David Donaghue

With Children's Liturgy

Monday 16th September

Mass 6.30 pm

For Sehion Ministries

Tuesday 17th September

School Mass 9.00am

Wednesday 18th September

No Mass

Thursday 19th September

No Mass

Youth Group- 7.00 pm

Friday 20th September

Requiem Mass 10.30am for

Thomas Walker R.I.P.

Mass 7.00pm

Saturday 21st September

No Mass

Sunday 22nd September

Confessions 9.15

-9.45am

Mass 10.00 am

Day of Prayer for the Harvest



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:	£ 60.00
Non Gift Aid:	£139.64
Total Offertories	£199.64
Votive Lights	£ 36.95
100 Club	£150.00
2nd Collection	£ 32.40
Total Banked:	£418.99



This Sunday there will be a second collection for Home Mission Day

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

Thank you for your continued generosity

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

Reading: Sarah Hayes

Bidding prayers: Serephina Hopkins

Eucharistic Ministers

Frank Armstrong

Ann Nicholls

Stan Oliver

Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Mass attendance:** last week: 92
- ◆ **Big Thank you to the Legion of Mary:** We thank our Legion of Mary pilgrims for their tireless work that they have been doing here on Castle Vale to support our efforts to grow our Parish. We have received many enquiries from both lapsed Catholics and non Catholics and are looking forward to welcoming them into our community.
- ◆ **This weeks Second Collection is for the Home Mission team:** Their vision is to support a mission-orientated Church that lives as a family and expresses the heart of God courageously and lovingly, in word and action to both friends and strangers.
- ◆ **Next weeks second collection is in support of 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.
- ◆ **Columban Missionaries:** Are recruiting. Please see noticeboard at the back of church.
- ◆ **St Pauls School for Girls:** Open evening will be held on Thursday 19th September 6.00pm until 9.00pm.
- ◆ **Funeral Mass:** For Thomas Walker will take place at St Gerard's on Friday 20th September at 10.30am.
- ◆ **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. Please encourage your children to join our liturgy leaders for their own liturgy.
- ◆ **Church Youth Group:** Our 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, very exciting.
- ◆ **Ladies that Lunch (or men!):** This week Thursday 19th September 2019, 12.30pm-2.30pm. Please come along.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.

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.

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School website:

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- ◆ **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;** 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.