



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

1st September 2019 Year C Page130

"God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured."

Visit from Legion of Mary

We welcome our Legion of Mary pilgrims to the Parish of St Gerard's and thank them for the work that they will be doing here on Castle Vale to support our efforts to grow our Parish. There will be a short meeting after Mass today in the old Chapel with refreshments where we can welcome them personally and hear about the work that they have planned for this coming week. Please come along if you can and also keep them in your prayers during this week.

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 1st September

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00am

For Annie Hazel RIP

Monday 2nd September

Mass 9.00am

Tuesday 3rd September

Mass 9.00am

Wednesday 4th September

Mass 9.00am

Thursday 5th September

Mass 9.00am

Youth Group-13 to 18 year olds. 7.00 pm

Friday 6th September

Mass 7.00pm

Church Cleaning 10.00am

Saturday 7th September

Mass 9.00am

Sunday 8th September

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.000 am

With Children's Liturgy

Recently died: Thomas Walker: 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, 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 11th/18th and 25th August 2019

Gift Aid:	£196.00
Non Gift Aid:	£381.84
Total Offertories	£577.84
Rental Income:	£1600.00
Donations:	£80.00
Total Banked:	£2,257.84



Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Services.

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'



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School website:

www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

Parish Notice Board



- ◆ **Mass attendance:** last week:
- ◆ **Funeral Mass:** For Thomas Walker will take place at St Gerard's on Friday 20th September at 10.30am.
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy:** Will start today during morning Mass. Please encourage your children to join our liturgy leaders for their own liturgy.
- ◆ **Church Youth Group:** Will start this Thursday evening, 7.00-8.30 in the old Chapel. This group aimed at 13-18 year olds aims to bring together our own young people and provide opportunities for them to explore, demonstrate and put into action their faith. 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!):** Another successful afternoon was had last week. Feedback received in very positive. 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.
- ◆ **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 this afternoon, 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.
- ◆ **YoungStars:** Midlands Today on Friday at 6.30pm covered an article regarding using surplus foods from major supermarkets to feed children during the school holidays. YoungStar's, who utilise our parish centre, were featured and recognised for their summer school, where the children of Castle Vale have been preparing and cooking healthy meals which they have eaten each day using the foods donated. YoungStar's have asked to pass on their thanks for the support that the Parish has given them in getting this summer scheme off the ground. If any parishioners would like to get involved with any of YoungStar's activities then they would be very grateful.

- ◆ **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.