



# Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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## TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Education Day

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*“O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.”*

### A Warm Welcome to Deacon Alex Taylor

We welcome Deacon Alex to the Parish of St Gerard's for the next 9 months. He was ordained a deacon earlier this year and is in his final year of Seminary. We are very much looking forward to Deacon Alex assisting us in growing our parish.

**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 8th September

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00am

**With Children's Liturgy  
For Wendy Walsh R I P**

##### Monday 9th September

No Mass

##### Tuesday 10th September

Whole School Mass 9.00am

##### Wednesday 11th September

No Mass

##### Thursday 12th September

No Mass

**Youth Group- 7.00 pm**

##### Friday 13th September

Mass 7.00pm

##### Saturday 14th September

Second Saturday Bible  
Convention at Bethel  
Convention Centre, West  
Bromwich

##### Sunday 15th September

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00 am

**With Children's Liturgy**

**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, 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

Gift Aid: £103.00

Non Gift Aid: £146.39

**Total Offertories £249.39**

Votive Lights £43.88

Piety £10.00

Coffees £8.31

**Total Banked: £311.58**



**This Sunday there is a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.**

**Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Home Mission Day.**

**Thank you for your continued generosity**

## Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

### Readers

Reading: Benedict Chadzutsa

Bidding prayers: Anne-Marie Hayes

### Eucharistic Ministers

Shirley Harris

Sarah Hayes

Frances Irwin

## 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](http://www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk)

◆ **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.

## Parish Notice Board



◆ **Mass attendance:** last week: 75

◆ **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. There will be a short meeting after Mass today in the old Chapel with refreshments to hear about the work that they have been doing this week and how we can take this work forward. Please come along if you can and also keep them in your prayers in the coming weeks.

◆ **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:** We had our first meeting this week and are excited to start planning activities. The next meeting will be this Thursday evening, 7.00-8.30 in the old Chapel where we will be planning a cake sale in aid of Cafod. We aim to bring together our young people, provide 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.

◆ **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.

◆ **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 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.