



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

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Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow upon us, we pray through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long.

Mass Times

Sunday 31st October

Rosary 9.30-9.50am

Mass 10.00 am for Jim

Whelan, Bill Heekin and

Mary Bradbury RIP

Tuesday 2nd November

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Mass 10.00am & 7.00pm

Friday 5th November

Mass 7.00pm

Saturday 6th November

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 7th November

Mass 10.00 am for

Sweeney Family RIP and

Campbell family RIP



Lord, I thank you for this new day. I know that you love me, You look at me at this moment and want this day to be a brand new beginning with "a future full of hope".

Whatever I have to face today, one thing I know is that you will be there with me as my best friend, helping, consoling, strengthening, healing and guiding me.

Lord Jesus, I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my eyes to see as you do. I give you my tongue to speak your words. I give you my mind that you may think in me. I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all humankind. I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me this day. Amen

Who's Who?

Parish Safeguarding and Health and Safety Officer is Hayley Macilwraith: **07840 866201**

Parish Administrator is Sue Perkins: **07971 076835** or **stgerard.bham@rcaob.org.uk**

Young Persons Officer is Eleanor Perkins: **07852 404992** or **emp010697@googlemail.com**

Parish Finance and Premises Committee is made up of Fr, Sue Perkins, Sue Byrne, Therese and Frank.

Pastoral Committee is currently being led by Shirley.

Social Committee is made up of Beulah, Sarita, Bernie, Rosaline and Sue.

Altar Flowers

Please consider donating towards flowers in remembrance of a loved one.

Thank you



Sunday 21st November is the Solemnity of Christ the King and is remembered as National Youth Sunday. The youth of St Gerard's will be leading Mass.

Today we celebrate the feast of all the unknown saints who are now in heaven. The Church reminds us that sanctity is within everyone's reach.

Tuesday 2nd November marks the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Please note the two mass times on Tuesday.

100 CLUB: This week we restart our 100 club. A valuable income source for our Parish. There are still a few numbers left if any family or friends would like to support us?

Blessing of the Graves: Family and friends of those who are buried at our local Cemeteries are warmly invited each November to the Blessing of Graves, a commemoration of all the faithful departed buried in our Cemeteries and an opportunity to pray for the repose of their souls. Dates are as follows. Erdington Abbey Sunday 7th November 1.00pm, Sutton New Hall Sunday 7th November 2.30pm, Oscott Saturday 13th November 3.00pm, Sutton Rectory Road Sunday 14th November 2.30pm. Handsworth and Witton to be advised.

Beware of spam emails! The Archdiocese has been made aware of spam emails coming from fraudulent impersonated Gmail accounts pretending to be from parish priests. These emails often include the name of parish priests but they are not being sent from priests' email accounts. Please be vigilant. If you are in any doubt about an email please contact your parish priest / parish office

Recently died and 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.

The sick: Maureen Oliver, Mary Quilty, Mark Ford, Bridie Mc Alinden, Janice Pidgeon, Kath Taylor, Stan Oliver, Frances Irwin, George Irwin, Jean Chambers, Debbie Johnson, Perry Desmond, Philip Fox, Kevin Hollis, Tina Parkes, Father Gabby Maguire & all the sick priests of the diocese. May the Lord grant them the healing they require.

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 are available at the back of church or email Fr Mathew.

**St Gerard's Catholic Primary
School**

*'We Live, Love and Learn Together with
Jesus'*



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**National Youth Sunday, Sunday
21st November 10.00am, The
Feast of Christ the King.**

See poster at the back of church.
See Ellie to put your name down if
you would like to get involved in
this Mass, whether it be singing,
reading, serving, offertory.

There will be a rehearsal on
Saturday 13th November at
3.00pm for all those interested.

FINANCE

*New Offertory collection boxes are
available at the back of the Church
for those parishioners registered for
them or anyone wishing to give by
way of weekly envelopes. Please
complete a Gift Aid declaration also
if you are a taxpayer. Thankyou to
our parishioners who give regularly
by standing order. A standing order
form is available on our website if
you wished to set this up.*

**Offertory Collection 24th October
2021**

Gift Aid	£ 56.00
Regular Giving	£75.00
Non Gift Aid	£ 30.52
Parish Restoration	£ 20.00
Second Collection APF	£37.00
Total Banked	£143.52

Mass attendance: 61

**Next Sunday there will be a second
collection for the Johnson
Association— supporting retired
priests.**

PASTORAL

Pope Francis's Prayer for November:

We pray that people that suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life

Hospital Chaplaincy: If you or a family member is in hospital and would like a visit by a Priest or Eucharistic Minister please inform the parish office.

Baptism: Please complete the request forms available at stgerardschurch.co.uk and send to the parish office. You will be contacted to book a date but you must give at least two months notice to attend a preparation course before confirming any date. A parent of the child to be baptised must be baptised, attend Sunday Mass regularly and undertake the preparation meetings.

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Communion to the Sick and the Housebound: Please speak to Fr if you know of anyone who is unable to come to Mass and would like to receive Communion.

PREMISES and HEALTH AND SAFETY

We continue to try and secure funding for both replacement heating for our church and a new roof for the parish centre. Unfortunately both are overdue repair and beginning to cost more money doing repairs. Please pray for us in this plight.

SAFEGUARDING

Please continue to be vigilant in the COVID times by maintaining distances within church and wearing face coverings where possible. Hand sanitiser is also available when entering and leaving church. Lets continue the good work we have done to date in containing this virus and keeping each other safe. Thank you.

SOCIAL

Thankyou to all those that joined for our special mass last Saturday to celebrate the Feast of St Gerard. A special thankyou to those that provided and served refreshments after mass and to the altar servers and choir that led us beautifully.

There are lots of activities in the afternoons in the Café from Knit and Natter to painting, colouring, jigsaws and generally Nattering over a cup of tea. Check out what is on offer.

Upcycle are looking for volunteers to tend the tables in the Café for maybe a few hours once a week?. See Sue if you feel you could offer a few hours?

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Piety: We have some new Christmas Cards on sale as well as some prayer cards as little gifts. Please take a look at the back of church.

Coffees: Served in the new Café after Mass on Sunday. Maybe cake also some weeks?

Church Gardens

After the lovely job that we did on the gardens for the spring summer we could do with a "gardening morning" preparing for the forthcoming winter season. It is hoped to spend a few hours maybe 3-4.30 on Saturday 13th November emptying pots baskets and maybe a bit of weeding. Weather permitting. Please let Sue know if you can assist.

Church Cleaning

We are planning a deep clean of our church on Saturday 13th November 3-4.30. If enough volunteers this could be done at the same time as the gardening. If you could lend a hand then please let me know.

A Prayer for the COP26 Climate Talks

Loving God, We praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen