



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.

Mass Times

Sunday 24th October

Rosary 9.30-9.50am

Mass 10.00 am in

Thanksgiving for Nancy on her 15th Birthday.

Tuesday 26th October

Mass 10.00am

Friday 29th October

Mass 7.00pm

Saturday 30th October

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 31st October

All Saints Day

Rosary 9.30-9.50am

Mass 10.00am



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.

Today there will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday APF. Please give generously

Altar Flowers

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

Thank you



No Children's Liturgy this weekend a we break for half term and children and Ellie have a break!

Back on 31st for All Saints day.

Today is World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday takes place in every Catholic parish in the world. Through our prayers we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News. And by donating, we respond to Christ's call to tell everyone that God loves them particularly in impoverished and remote areas overseas. Your donations build much needed infrastructure, from chapels to schools, orphanages, clinics and dispensaries. Please be generous with your giving.

£50m hoarded in loose change-Due to lockdowns, people have held onto cash for three times longer than before and many are storing low denomination coins at home. With many, if not all parishes having seen large drops in donations over the past year and a half, perhaps you could gather your loose change to bring to Church?

Protecting your family-giving thanks to God-Your guide to wills and will-making: Leaflets are available at the back of church containing information to help you when considering making or changing your will.

100 CLUB: Please see Frank to confirm your current numbers and should you wish to take a new number. We hope to restart this vital fundraising activity from the beginning of November. If you could discuss with family and friends to see whether they would like to support us?

Recently died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Alan Mangan, Francisco Vilien: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The sick: 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**

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Jesus'*



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FINANCE

**Gift Aid envelopes and Gift Aid
donations**

Offertory collection boxes are available at the back of the Church for those parishioners registered for them. If you would like to take a box of envelopes for regular use then please enquire with one of the stewards or visit the Presbytery and Fr will be able to arrange for you. Please complete a Gift Aid declaration if you are a taxpayer. Thank you to those parishioners who regularly pay their offerings by way of Standing Order. As you would expect our collections have been substantially reduced during these uncertain times and as our only source of income and no financial support from the Government for churches we still have to cover our bills.

A standing order form is available on our website if you wished to set this up.

**Offertory Collection 17th October
2021**

Gift Aid	£ 64.00
Regular Giving	£75.00
Non Gift Aid	£ 38.20
Parish Restoration	£ 39.00
Total Banked	£141.20

Mass attendance: 35 Saturday

45 Sunday



PASTORAL

Pope Francis's Prayer to October :

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witness of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

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 are delighted to be able to work closely with Upcycle extending the services that we can offer to the residents of Castle Vale including the Meeting Place Café. If anyone feels able to volunteer their services to operating the café, whether by washing up or tending tables for a few hours one day a week then please see Sue.

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