



## Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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### TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Happy Feast Day to all St Gerard's Parishioners. So glad to see so many of you attending our special Mass to celebrate this our special day. Did you know that there are only 2 St Gerard's parishes in the UK? We truly are special!

#### Mass Times

##### Sunday 17th October

Rosary 9.30-9.50am

**Mass 10.00 am** for Alan

Mangan RIP and Special Intentions of a donor.

##### Tuesday 19th October

**Mass 10.00am**

##### Friday 22nd October

**Mass 7.00pm**

##### Saturday 23rd October

**Mass 5.00pm**

##### Sunday 24th October

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](mailto:stgerard.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

**Young Persons Officer** is Eleanor Perkins: **07852 404992** or [emp010697@googlemail.com](mailto: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 Harris.

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

**No Children's Liturgy next weekend a we break for half term and children and Ellie have a break!. Back on 31st for All Saints day.**

**£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?

**Next Sunday 24 October 2021 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.

#### Altar Flowers

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

**Thank you**



#### 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:** 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.

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**St Gerard's Catholic Primary  
School**

*'We Live, Love and Learn Together with  
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 10th October  
2021**

Gift Aid	£ 76.00
Non Gift Aid	£ 24.76
Parish Restoration	£ 32.00
Votives	£ 41.06
Piety	£7.00
Donation	£100.00
Baptism Donation	£30.00
<b>Total Banked</b>	<b>£310.82</b>
<b>Mass attendance: 72</b>	

**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](http://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 pleased to announce that our Church Hall has been rented on a full time basis by Upcycle. Many of you may be familiar with Upcycle who have relocated from their previous premises to be in the centre of the Castle Vale community whom they serve. Upcycle opened their doors last week. Please pop in and see what they have to offer. Not only is the rental income important for our parish sustainability, we hope to be able to work closely with Upcycle extending the services that we can offer to the residents of Castle Vale.

**SAFEGUARDING**

At this current time it continues to be in everyone's safety for Choir will be resumed once social distancing measures are withdrawn.

**SOCIAL**

Thursday afternoon tea club this Thursday 12.30-2.30 in the new Parish Area. Please come along and enjoy.

There are lots of activities in the afternoons in the Café from Knit and Knatter to painting, colouring, jigsaws and generally Knatering 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:** Being 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 9.30-11.30 emptying pots baskets and maybe a bit of weeding. Please let Sue know if you can assist.

**Church Cleaning**

We are planning a deep clean of our church. If enough volunteers this could be done at the same time as the gardening or alternatively afterwards at say 11.30-1.00. If you could lend a hand then please let me know.

***For both of the above please only volunteer if you are well and not shielding.***