



## PARISH OF ST. GERARD CASTLE VALE

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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#### Mass Times This Week

#### Sunday 17th December

Mass 10:00am  
Bernadette Faulhaber RIP

#### Monday 18th December

No Mass

#### Tuesday 19th December

No Mass

St Gerard's School  
Christmas Carol Service  
in church 6:00pm

#### Wednesday 20th December

No Mass

#### Thursday 21st December

No Mass

#### Friday 22nd December

Whole School Mass, 2.00pm

Mass 7:00pm  
Gabriel Wilson RIP

#### Saturday 23rd December

No Mass

#### Please remember in your prayers:

**The sick:** Rita Scott, Lisa Purcell, Bridie McAlinden, Mary Baines, Tina Parkes, Father Gabby Maguire, Chantelle Smith, Annie Roche, Pat Cook, Jamie Morris, Nancy Medd, Margaret Coyne, Norman Oliver, Irene Westwood, Bernadette Monaghan, Gillian Stanworth, and all the sick priests of the diocese. May the Lord grant them the healing they require.

**Recently died:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. And all whose anniversaries occur this week.

#### 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.

**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, there are Mass Intention envelopes available.

**Prayer Requests:** we are happy to include the names of those who have recently died; or whose anniversaries may occur, as well as additions to the sick list. Please let us know if you wish for your relatives or friends' names to be included. Also we would be grateful

#### Offertory Collection Last Week

To be announced next week.

Thank you for your generosity



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## Christmas Mass Times

**24 Dec:** Christmas Eve Mass 7:00pm

**25 Dec:** Christmas Day Mass  
10.00am

## Today's Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

### Readers

First Reading & Psalm: Anne-Marie Hayes

Second Reading: Kesy Djomotchouamou

Bidding Prayers: Sarah Hayes

### Eucharistic Ministers

Frances Irwin

Shirley Harris

Sarah Hayes

## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with  
Jesus'



**Tue 19 Dec:** Christmas Carol Service,  
Church, 6.00pm

**Wed 20 Dec:** Christmas Jumper Day &  
School Christmas Dinner

**Thurs 21 Dec:** Nursery Christmas  
Performance, 2.00pm

**Fri 22 Dec:** Whole School Mass, 2.00pm

**Fri 22 Dec:** End of Term— School closes for  
Christmas

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## PARISH NOTICE BOARD



- ◆ **Mass attendance** last week: 45 (low attendance because of the snowy weather).
- ◆ **Advent Recollection** is on all the Sundays straight after mass. In preparation for Christmas, over the four weeks of Advent, there will be an opportunity to spend some time sharing our thoughts about the day's readings. Tea and coffee will be available and everyone is welcome. Mr. Robert Walsh will lead the sessions.
- ◆ **OAP Christmas Meal at St Edmund Campion Catholic School**, 20th December, 1.30-4.00pm. Organised by Sixth-formers for OAPs, students are offering a two-course meal with entertainment free of charge. Collection is from St Gerard's Church and you'll be dropped off at your home on the return journey. Frances Irwin has posted a sign-up sheet on the notice board with more details. Please add your name if you'd like to attend, and speak to Frances for more info.
- ◆ **Bible Sharing Class** is every Thursday, between 7:00-8.00pm. All welcome.
- ◆ **Adoration** before every Holy Mass. We will have one hour Adoration with Rosary.



## USEFUL INFORMATION

- ◆ **Our Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Ann Nicholls.
- ◆ **When Father Soji** is away, and in any emergency, parishioners can contact Fr. Neil Bayliss from Holy Cross, Walmley on 0121 351 2161.
- ◆ **Newsletter;** If you would like news or events advertised in Sunday's newsletter, please contact Father Soji no later than Wednesday morning. See overleaf for contact details.
- ◆ **Baptisms;** Parent(s) have to attend Sunday Mass regularly. Please contact Father Soji to obtain an application form and make arrangements.
- ◆ **Sacrament of the sick;** parishioners are asked to approach a priest to receive sacrament of the sick before being admitted to hospital for treatment. If you are housebound or are unable to attend mass, a priest will be happy to visit you in your home.