



## Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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### Fifth Sunday of Easter

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#### Mass Times

##### Sunday 19th May

Confessions 9.00 am

First Holy Communion  
Commitment Mass

10:00 am

For David Harris and  
family

##### Monday 20th May

No Mass

##### Tuesday 21st May

School Mass 9:00 am

##### Wednesday 22nd May

Mass 7.00 pm

##### Thursday 23rd May

No Mass

##### Friday 24th May

No Mass

##### Saturday 25th May

No Mass

##### Sunday 26th May

##### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Confessions 9.00 am

Mass 10.00 am



*We welcome our school children today to this their Mass of Commitment ahead of their First Holy Communion on Saturday 22nd June 2019. We keep you all in our prayers at this special time. We also welcome those families that have joined us today with their Baptised children. You are all very welcome.*

#### Please remember in your prayers:

**The sick:** Linda Conroy, Sarah Pickering, Debbie Johnson, Perry Desmond, Philip Fox, Kevin Hollis, Father Gabby Maguire & all the sick priests of the diocese. May the Lord grant them the healing they require.

#### 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.

#### 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, to remember a birthday or anniversary, there are 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, there are Flower Intention envelopes available at the back of church.

#### Offertory Collection Last Week

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Gift aid               | £77.00         |
| Non-gift aid (loose)   | £102.25        |
| Votive Lights          | £9.62          |
| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>£188.87</b> |

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*Thank you for your continued generosity*

**Today's Readers &  
Eucharistic Ministers**

**Readers**

Reading: Benedict Chadzutsa

Bidding prayers: Frances Irwin

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Shirley Harris

Anne-Marie Hayes

Frances Irwin

**St Gerard's Catholic Primary  
School**

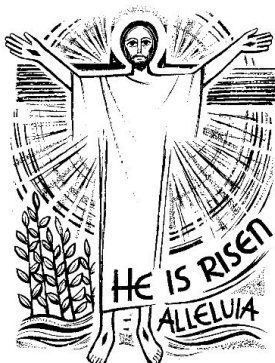
*'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'*



**School Mass Tuesday 21st 9:00 am in Church**

**Twitter:** @StGerardsBham

**School website:** [www.stgerard.bham.sch](http://www.stgerard.bham.sch)



**Parish Notice Board**



- ♦ **Mass attendance** last week: 68
- ♦ **Parish Centre Committee meeting** : Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday 21st May at 7.00 pm Mass.
- ♦ **Refreshments** : Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after mass today. Please join together for a cuppa and a chat for 10-15 minutes if you can.
- ♦ **Refreshments Rota**: If you are able to help serve refreshments after Mass on a Sunday to share the load then please add your name to the list on the noticeboard at the back of church.
- ♦ **Our Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Ann Nicholls who can be contacted on **07853 271306** or email: [stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com](mailto:stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com)
- ♦ **Our Parish Administrator** is Sue Perkins who can be contacted on **07971 076835** or email: [stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com](mailto:stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com)
- ♦ **When Father Soji** is away, and in any emergency, parishioners can contact **Fr. Leonard Cox** on **07790827184**
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Sacrament of the sick**; Please 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.
- ♦ **Alton Castle World Youth Day @ Home**: Takes place 7th –9th June 2019 at Alton Castle Retreat Centre. Lots of fun, worship, music, reflection for our Youth. Tickets are available to book on the Alton Castle website.
- ♦ **St Mary's College, Oscott** is putting on a series of events in June, offering an opportunity to "Meet Newman" ahead of the canonisation of John Henry Newman in the coming months. These are designed as an introduction to Newman and to better understand why the Church has chosen to call him a saint. Leaflets providing more information and details on how to book tickets for these events are at the back of church.