



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th October 2019

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"Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask."

A warm welcome to those joining us today for our children's Mass of Commitment

The Parish of St Gerard's would like to extend a very warm welcome to those that have joined us today to support those children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these children in our prayers over the forthcoming weeks.

Mass Times

Sunday 6th October

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass of Commitment 10.00am

For Margaret Bunting RIP

With Children's Liturgy

Monday 7th October

No Mass

Tuesday 8th October

School Mass 9.00am in school

Wednesday 9th October

Mass 10.00am

Thursday 10th October

No Mass

Youth Group 7.00 pm

Friday 11th October

Mass 7.00pm

Saturday 12th October

No Mass

Sunday 13th October

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00 am

With Children's Liturgy

Lord, make those who are not well, get better and grant those who have died eternal rest in your heavenly home. Amen

Recently died: Thomas Fleming & Wayne Ryder: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.
Funeral Service for Thomas Fleming will take place at St Gerard's on Tuesday 15th October 11.00am

The sick: Sue O'Driscoll, Jean Chambers, George Irwin, Linda Conroy, Debbie Johnson, Perry Desmond, Philip Fox, Kevin Hollis, Kathy Beatie, Father Gabby Maguire & all the sick priests of the diocese. May the Lord grant them the healing they require.

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 who will endeavour to arrange.

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 available at the back of church.

Offerory Collection Last Week

Gift Aid:	£ 51.00
Non Gift Aid:	£145.70
Total Offerories	£196.70
Votive Lights	£ 26.77
Donation-Sehion Ministry	£100.00
100 club	£205.00
Total Banked:	£528.47



Today there is a second collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Please use the envelopes where possible.

Thank you for your continued generosity

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'



Please Pray for our children as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Twitter: @StGerardsBham

School website:

www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

Parish Notice Board



♦ **Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Ann Nicholls who can be contacted on **07853 271306**

♦ **Parish Administrator** is Sue Perkins who can be contacted on **07971 076835** or **stgerardscv.rc@gmail.com**

♦ **Young Persons Officer** is Eleanor Perkins who can be contacted on **07852 404992** or **emp010697@googlemail.com**

♦ **When Father Soji** is away, in any emergency, please contact **Fr. Leonard Cox** on **07790 827184**

♦ **Newsletter;** If you would like news or events advertised in Sunday's newsletter, please contact the Parish Administrator no later than Thursday.

♦ **Baptisms;** A parent of the child to be baptised must be a baptised Catholic and attend Sunday Mass regularly. If you require your child to be baptised then please introduce yourself to Father at Mass on Sunday and he will discuss requirements and arrangements.

♦ **Youth Group Cake Sale:** Our Youth Group would like to thank you all for your support with last weeks cake sale. They raised £178.90 with which they have purchased a toilet, some chickens, a vegetable garden, some bees and the resources to teach someone to read! They are delighted to see their hard work and enthusiasm making a difference to others. £30 of what they raised has been retained towards purchasing a school which costs £550 and they are already planning their next event which will be a Food Fusion night! More details to follow.

♦ **Children's Liturgy:** It is very pleasing to see the numbers of children attending this liturgy. Please encourage your children to join our liturgy leaders for their own liturgy.

♦ **Church Youth Group: Age group changed to 11-16 year olds.** Bringing together our young people, providing opportunities for them to explore, demonstrate and put into action their faith in an enjoyable social group. If any youth are interested in joining them for this then please see Ellie.

♦ **Refreshments:** Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after mass every Sunday. Please join together for a cuppa and a chat.

♦ **Refreshments Rota:** If you are able to help serve refreshments after Mass on a Sunday then please add your name to the list on the noticeboard at the back of church.

♦ **Offertory envelopes:** It is not too late to take a box of offertory collection boxes for use for your weekly offerings. Please see our Parish Administrator if you are a regular visitor to St Gerard's and feel able to make regular offerings.

♦ **Gift Aid:** UK tax payers can sign up to Gift Aid and we can collect 25% more from our offertory collections. For more information please contact our Parish Administrator.

♦ **Church cleaning:** We are planning on cleaning once a month on the first Friday at 10.00 am if anyone is free to join us.

♦ **Sacrament of the sick;** Please approach Fr to receive sacrament of the sick before being admitted to hospital for treatment. If you are unable to attend mass, Fr will be happy to visit you in your home.

♦ **Red Boxes:** Could red boxes be brought into church for counting. Thank you

♦ **Alter Cloth Laundry:** If anyone is able to assist with the washing of the alter cloths then please let Fr know.

♦ **St Chad's Primary School, Birmingham** are looking to appoint a deputy head teacher from January 2020. For further information and an application pack, please contact the school on 0121 464 6554. Closing date for applications is 15th October 2019.

Blessing of the Graves 2019

The Abbey, Erdington	Sunday 3rd November 1pm
Oscott	Saturday 2nd November TBA
Rectory Road	Sunday 10th November 3pm
Newhall	Sunday 17 th November 2.30pm
Witton	Sunday 24 th November 2.30pm
Handsworth	To be confirmed