



## Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th January 2020

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*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name.*

Fr Mathew celebrates his first Sunday Mass today. After Mass there will be an informal Parish meeting in the Parish Centre over coffee where there will be opportunities for the Parish to welcome Fr and share their wishes for the Parish going forward. Please join us to show Fr our support.

#### Mass Times

##### Sunday 19th January

Confessions 9.15-9.45am

Mass 10.00am

*With Children's Liturgy*

##### Monday 20th January

No Mass

##### Tuesday 21st January

Mass 7.00pm

*For Sr. Sabrina Staff*

##### Wednesday 22nd January

No Mass

##### Thursday 23rd January

No Mass

Ladies that Lunch 12.30pm-  
2.30pm

Youth Group 7.00pm

##### Friday 24th January

Whole School Mass 9.00am

Mass 7.00pm

##### Saturday 25th January

No Mass

##### Sunday 26th January

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: Bill Diggins:** Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**The sick:** Frances Irwin, George Irwin, Jean Chambers, 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 Mathew 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.

**Flower Intentions:** If you would like to have flowers placed on the Altar for a particular intention envelopes available at the back of church.

#### Offertory Collection for 12th January 2020

Gift Aid	£ 121.00
Non Gift Aid	£ 195.63
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£ 316.63</b>
Crib Offerings	£ 20.00
Votive Candles	£ 25.00
Funeral Fee	£193.00
<b>Total Banked</b>	<b>£554.63</b>

**Thank you for your continued generosity**

**Today there will be a  
Second Collection for  
Pax Christi.**



## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

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



### Twitter:

@StGerardsBham

### School website:

www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

**Whole School Mass will take place in Church every Friday 9.00am. Please join the children to celebrate this Mass.**

- ♦ **Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Hayley MacIlwraith who can be contacted on **07840 866201**
- ♦ **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**
- ♦ **Parish Health and Safety Officer:** Vacancy exists
- ♦ **Parish Finance Committee** is currently made up of Fr, Sue Perkins and Sue Byrne. We would welcome another two members if anyone would like to volunteer.
- ♦ **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 speak to Father at Mass on a Sunday.
- ♦ **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.

## Parish Notice Board



♦ **A message from Fr Mathew Pinakkattu:** Hi Everyone, I am delighted to be part of your parish and will try my best to meet your expectations so please feel free to share with me what you require of me and your wishes for your parish. Life is a journey and as Christians we have all the same end in our journey— eternal life with God. Let us help each other on this journey as we all belong to God's family. You can catch me anytime in the presbytery or you can call me on the parish number or my mobile 07788 790928. May St Gerard protect and guide us. Please support me and pray for me. Your parish priest, Fr Mathew.

♦ **Applications for St Gerard's Nursery September 2020:** If your child is born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 and you would like to apply for a place for them in our nursery please contact the school office on 0121 464 2613.

♦ **Children's Liturgy Group:** Feedback from the children and parents of the children who attend our children's liturgy say that this group is a welcome addition to our weekly Mass and that the children are enjoying hearing and learning their own liturgy as well as creating lots of interesting things which we get to enjoy around our Church. Please continue to support the excellent work that the liturgy leaders are doing. Thank you.

♦ **Youth Group:** This group have achieved some amazing things thanks to the support of our Parish. They are busy planning activities for this new year both for the Parish, for their chosen charity CAFOD and for their own spiritual development. Meetings are currently Thursday evening 7.00 until 8.30pm. Ages 11 to 18 and open to young adults from within and outside our Parish.

♦ **Ladies that Lunch:** Next lunch will be on Thursday 23rd January 12.30pm until 2.30pm. Please come along and bring a friend. These are proving to be very enjoyable afternoons. If you haven't been before give it a try! All are welcome.

♦ **Parish Roles:** We are looking to appoint a Health and Safety Officer to undertake the necessary maintenance and checks of our Church and Presbytery. If anyone feels able to take up this role or would like to know more then please speak to Sue.

♦ **Church Centre:** Currently vacant whilst we establish all repairs required for future use. A survey has been undertaken and once the report is available we will be discussing the centre with the Diocese. We can continue to use the centre for parish events including refreshments after mass and our Ladies that Lunch afternoons.

♦ **The Sun tokens:** The Sun have teamed up with Collins Big Cat to offer schools a free pack of books worth more than £600. Tokens will be

### THE GOD WHO SPEAKS'

We are all encouraged to celebrate, live, and share God's Word during this year 2020. Based on St Matthew's Gospel Prayer:

*Living God, you walk beside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son Jesus Christ listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen*

**Our Lady of the Assumption Pray for us**

**St Matthew Pray for us**

**St Jerome Pray for us**