



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

Mass Times

Sunday 18th September

Confessions 9.30am

Mass 10.00 am with Children's

Liturgy for Her Majesty Queen

Elizabeth II

Monday 19th September

Mass 10.00 am

Tuesday 20th September

No Mass

Wednesday 21st September

No Mass

Thursday 22nd September

No Mass

Friday 23rd September

No Mass

Saturday 24th September

No Mass

Sunday 25th September

Confession 9.30am

Mass 10.00 am with Children's

Liturgy



Sunday Obligation:

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. "The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. "We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation." **Bishops Conference**

Making time for Confession

The Church calls us to examine our lives, and amend and correct those faults that separate us from God. One of the best and most effective ways we can draw closer to God is by confessing our sins. It is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation that the Church provides us with the means to make our relationship right again with God. The sacrament is one of healing because through it we find absolution and mercy and forgiveness. Sometimes we get nervous about going to confession. But don't let nerves or fear hold you back. However long it has been, however bad the sin, however embarrassed you feel, don't let anything stop you from going to confession. Please think about taking this opportunity to come closer to God.

Who's Who?

Parish Safeguarding and Health and Safety Officer:

Hayley Macilwraith: 07840 866201

Parish Administrator: Sue

Perkins: 07971 076835

Young Persons Officer:

Therese Mimboe: 07897 530915

Parish Finance and

Premises Committee: Fr,

Sue Perkins, Sue Byrne, Therese and Frank.

Pastoral Committee is led by Shirley.

Social Committee:

Beulah, Sarita, Bernie, Rosaline and Sue.

Altar Flowers

In Memory of the Masters family and Rosemary Hayer on her birthday.



Parish Mission Statement We, the members of St Gerard's R.C. Church, are baptised in Jesus Christ, empowered by the spirit, nurtured in community, and nourished by prayer, word and sacrament. Therefore, for the greater glory of God, we proclaim for all people the saving message of the Gospel, and joyfully share our time, talent and resources, in works of mercy and justice, both within and beyond our parish community.



Popes Prayer Intentions for September: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Today we welcome our children back for Children's Liturgy. Thank you to all those that have volunteered to run this for our Parish.

Offertory

11h September 2022

Gift Aid	£74.00
Regular Giving	£80.00
Non Gift Aid	£50.88
100 club	£200.00
Total Banked	£324.88

Second Collection for the Catholic Evangelism

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.

The sick: Joanne Lawton, Rose Cogan, Andrew Trueman, Eileen Morrissey, Mary Quilty, Mark Ford, Kath Taylor, Stan Oliver, Frances Irwin, George Irwin, Jean Chambers, Debbie Johnson, Perry Desmond, Philip Fox, Kevin Hollis, Tina Parkes and all the sick priests of the diocese. May the Lord grant them the healing they require.

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 are available at the back of church or email Fr Mathew.

*Let us please pray for **Eileen Morrissey** ,our wonderful friend and long standing parishioner of St Gerard's Church. A most gentle, generous, kind and faithful servant. Eileen was very unwell in the QE hospital however has astounded doctors by making improvements that were not expected. Eileen has been transferred to Good Hope hospital where she continues to recover. We remember her and pray for her and her family . Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and relieve your sick servant and give your power of healing to Eileen, that she may be strengthened in her weakness and have confidence in your loving care, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

PASTORAL

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 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.

Marriage: Please contact Fr Mathew initially to discuss your request for marriage. This must be done before Fr can agree any dates with you as you will be required to attend wedding preparation classes.

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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.

SOCIAL

Trip to Italy— Fr Mathew is looking to lead a trip a to Italy next Easter. It is proposed that it will be for 6 days and take in Pisa, Florence, Assisi, Rome, Venice, Padua, Milan. Please see Fr if you would be interested in joining him. A meeting will be held shortly for those interested to discuss more details.

Mass times:

Fr will be away from the parish from the 19th September through to the 30th September as he travels to see family. Fr Biju will be joining us to celebrate Mass on Sunday 25th September. There will be no Saturday vigil Mass on 24th September or any weekday Masses during that time.

Kenelm Youth Trust— our Diocesan Youth Team

Please visit their website at : www.Kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk to see the many events coming up in the next few months for our children. We are hoping that maybe some of our parish children may be interested in some of the events and would be very supportive of fundraising to make attending these events more realistic. Please see Therese if there any of these events that your child may consider attending and we can see what we can do to assist.

Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham:

Dear Fathers
Dear Deacons

Yesterday Cardinal Vincent took part in an Audience with King Charles who had invited senior faith leaders to Buckingham Palace. The King addressed the Assembly and Cardinal Vincent has thoughtfully sent us the copy of the King's remarks (a copy is available at the back of church). During the Audience, the King spoke to Cardinal Vincent who assured him that the Catholic community had continued, during these days of mourning, in heartfelt prayer for his mother, the late Queen Elizabeth. In response, His Majesty asked Cardinal Vincent to ensure that the Catholics of England and Wales know of his thanks and gratitude for these prayers and the Cardinal would be pleased if the King's message could be conveyed to the people of our parishes.

I shall be celebrating Holy Mass for the repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth at St Chad's Cathedral tomorrow at 11.30am and I shall unite myself in prayer with you and your parishioners.

With every kind wish.

Queen Elizabeth II, Rest in Peace.

Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham:

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from one generation to the next (Psalm 90:1) Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I shall give you rest. (Matthew 11:28) As we digest the news of the past day, these two passages from the Bible speak to me of Her Majesty the Queen's remarkable life of duty and service, as she lays down the burden of her years and begins a new life in God's presence for ever. Although the Queen's life has been long and full, this is still a time of sadness, first of all for her family, but also for so many people who have admired the Queen's dignity and dedication throughout her life. In particular, as people of faith, we have valued her frequent references to her own faith in Christ, which has given her strength and guidance in all the circumstances of her life. Her death is the fulfilment of a long and fruitful life and we commend her soul to the loving mercy of God. We pray for her and for all those who mourn her loss, especially her family. In the midst of his own sadness, I pray for our new sovereign King Charles III, as he assumes his new responsibilities, and for the Queen Consort who stands by his side. I pray for our country at this time: