



## Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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### Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

#### National Youth Sunday

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*Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.*

#### Mass Times

**Sunday 20th November**

**Confession 9.30am**

**Mass 10.00 am with for Jim**

**Whelan and Mary Bradbury**

**RIP**

**Monday 21st November**

**Mass 10.00am**

**Tuesday 22nd November**

**Mass 10.00am**

**Wednesday 23rd November**

**Mass 10.00am**

**Thursday 24th November**

**Mass 10.00am**

**Friday 25th November**

**School Mass 9.00am**

**Mass 7.00pm for Elaine and**

**Tommy Fowler RIP**

**Saturday 26th November**

**Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 27th November**

**Confession 9.30am**

**Mass 10.00 am with**

**Children's Liturgy for Bill**

**Heekin and Sheila Flaney RIP**

**National Youth Sunday:** In November 2020, Pope Francis called for a relaunch of World Youth Day (previously celebrated annually on Palm Sunday) and moving forward asks the global Catholic community to celebrate locally on the Solemnity of Christ the King, which on this year falls on Sunday, 20 November 2022. The theme for 2022 is "Rise Up!" "Mary arose and went with haste" based on Lk 1:39

World Youth Sunday reminds us that as young people we must commit again to use the energy, gifts, talents we have in new ways.

In August 2023, Pope Francis will gather with hundreds of thousands of young people for World Youth Day, in Lisbon, and the theme there is the verse from Luke's Gospel: "Mary arose and left with haste (Lk 1:38)." Our theme is consciously linked to this.

*Today there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Youth Service. Our youth will be leading Mass for us and sharing with us what each of them have gained from their parish, with the support of the Catholic Youth Service, in their faith journey. They may even serve us with light refreshments after Mass. Please support them generously.*



**Next Sunday marks the First Sunday of Advent. A period to "Prepare and be ready", "Watch and wait".**

We get impatient with God's plan. We wander. We choose our own plans instead. God is faithful though. He calls us to return to Him.

God's plan is not about getting what we want. It is about God restoring



the whole world to himself. In our lives we will experience events which we don't understand.

There will be senseless tragedies and

undeserved triumphs. We must be vigilant and

ready for those, especially for trials and

difficulties. There are always uncertainties in life. We must be ready at all times to serve Christ when we encounter the Lord in our daily lives.

#### Altar Flowers

Please consider donating towards remembrance of a loved one.



#### Offertory

**13th November 2022**

Gift Aid £54.00

Regular Giving £80.00

Non Gift Aid £53.47

Johnson Assos. £35.42

**Total Banked £142.89**

**Today there will be a second collection for Youth Services**



#### 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.



**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:** Isabel Hackett, 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.

## 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:** A parent of the child to be baptised must be baptised, attend Sunday Mass regularly and undertake the preparation meetings. Please see Fr after Mass to discuss your request. You will be required to attend a preparation course before confirming any date for baptism so please bear this in mind in preparing for the child's baptism.

**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.

## 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.

## SOCIAL

**Italy 2023-** Thankyou to all those that have shown interest in the trip to Italy between 9th and 16th April 2023. Fr has been working on the itinerary for the 6 day trip and provisional details are printed out at the back of church. We will be shortly asking for commitment and deposits from all those interested in joining us and we will be arranging flights. Once flights are confirmed we can sort accommodation. Any questions please see Fr or Sue.

**World Youth Day (WYD)** is a worldwide encounter with the Pope celebrated about every three years in a different country. The most recent WYD was celebrated in Panama City, Panamá from January 22-27, 2019 and the next World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon, Portugal in 2023. WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter centered on Jesus Christ together with their peers. This event is an opportunity to personally experience the universality of the Catholic Church, and to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who are committing their lives to Christ and His Church. World Youth Day is a unique way to deepen your faith and grow closer to Christ, through prayer and the sacraments, together with hundreds of thousands of other young people who share your interests and ambitions.

Our four young adults Robert, Nancy, Seraphina and Joyce are hoping to join the Birmingham Catholic Youth team on this trip. They will be sharing with us their journey of preparation and request for support. As a parish we would really like to help Robert, Nancy, Seraphina and Joyce through fundraising for this once in a life-time opportunity. If anyone has ideas then please speak to Therese as Young Persons Officer so we can start to put together a calendar of fundraising activities!



### Blessing of the Graves 2022

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| The Abbey    | Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 1pm     |
| Oscott       | Saturday 5th November 3pm               |
| Rectory Road | Sunday 20th November 2.30pm             |
| Newhall      | Sunday 6th November 2.30pm              |
| Witton       | Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm |
| Handsworth   | To be confirmed                         |

**Altar Servers.** Today we welcome 6 students from St Gerard's School who are undergoing their training to become Altar Servers for us here in our Parish. We keep them in our prayers as they start their journey in serving the Lord. We thank Robert and Seraphina for taking them under their wing and agreeing to supervise their training and look forward to celebrating their achievement as they move towards obtaining their accreditation with the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers.

We should also recognise and thank Hayley who, as Safeguarding Officer, takes up the role of Altar Server Chaperone ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all our young adults. A lot of Hayley's work goes unnoticed but without her we would be unable to offer these opportunities, including Children's Liturgy, to our Youth so please join us in recognising her hard work.

### Our refreshed Piety stall!

Our Youth have taken responsibility for running our piety stall, overseen by Therese. They have purchased a few nice items and would love to hear from you as to what else you would like to see available to purchase from them? Their initial purchases have been supported by the parish with funds provided by the 100 club but we hope that they will very soon generate funds to be able to add to their stock. We are very hopeful to have Christmas cards for sale this year! These will be available from the piety stall in December so please hold fire in purchasing your cards! Please take a moment to take a look after mass and speak to the children. Maybe over a period of time the profits generated will help them finance a youth retreat at Alton Castle or further afield!!