



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.

Mass Times

Sunday 6th November

Mass 10.00 am with Children's Liturgy for Sweeney family and Campbell family RIP

Monday 7th November

Mass 10.00am

Tuesday 8th November

Mass 10.00am

Wednesday 9th November

Mass 10.00am

Thursday 10th November

Mass 10.00am

Baptism Preparation 6.00pm

Friday 11th November

School Mass 9.00am

Mass 7.00pm

Saturday 12th November

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 13th November

Confession 9.30am

Mass 10.00 am with Children's Liturgy



Sunday Obligation:

"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.

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.

Altar Flowers

Please consider donating towards remembrance of a loved one.



Offertory

30th October 2022

Gift Aid	£63.00
Regular Giving	£80.00
Non Gift Aid	£62.37
Missio	£31.35

Total Banked £156.72

Today there will be a second collection for the Johnson Association

Operation Christmas Child: Good News, Great Joy. Our Parish Youth ministry would like to join Samaritan's Purse and take part in the National Collection Week from 14th to 21st November. You are encouraged to donate a shoe-boxful of unwanted gifts and toys for a child this Christmas. **What do you need to do?** Get an empty medium sized shoebox, and wrap the box and lid separately in colourful wrapping paper. Attach the appropriate [boy/girl label](#), marking if your gift is for a boy or a girl. Select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and attach the label to the top of your shoebox. Fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If possible, include one or two extra special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump. A suggested donation of £5 is essential to cover project costs, including shipping, to enable a local church or group overseas to lead a safe, well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need. Boxes will be collected from church between 14th and 21st November so please do what you can over this next week.

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

Trip to Italy—Thankyou to all those that have shown interest in the trip to Italy between 9th and 15th April 2023. Fr is currently working on an itinerary for the 6 day trip and will shortly provide details. At this stage we will be asking for commitment and deposit from all those interested so we can arrange flights. Watch this space!

Fr Solomon Ghebray— Silver Jubilee of Ordination

We have been asked to advertise the celebration of Fr Solomon's Silver Jubilee of Ordination at his Parish.

Parishioners are most welcome to attend the Mass on Sunday 6th November at 11.00am at St Vincent's Church followed by a Buffet Reception in the Parish Social Room.

It would be really helpful for catering purposes if you could text Anne on 07773 731301 and let her know if you will be attending.

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

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

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 a parish Christmas card 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!!