

## 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 may be required to attend wedding preparation classes.

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention: on behalf of a family member, a friend, a deceased loved one, to remember a birthday or anniversary, envelopes are available at the back of church.

**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.

## FINANCE:

**APF Red Boxes:** *These are due to be collected and counted. Please arrange to bring these into church over the next few weeks. Thankyou.*

**Offertory Boxes:** *I know a lot of people have kindly moved to standing order for regular giving, but we do have spare offertory boxes for any parishioners that feel able to make regular contributions to our parish, especially when they are unable to always attend weekly Mass. Please see Sue if interested.*

## Rev John Basil Harrington RIP

This Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June marks the anniversary of the death of Fr Harrington, our founding Parish Priest. Mass will be said on Friday in thanksgiving for Fr Harrington and St Gerard's parish.



## St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

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

**Twitter:** @StGerardsBham **School website:** [www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk)

Please keep in your prayers all the children who received their First Holy Communion yesterday. May they Live, Love and Learn the true meaning of the Sacrament.

## SOCIAL: Summer Fete:

*We look to holding a summer fete again this year to celebrate all that we have achieved as a parish over the past year. -Meeting after Mass today to discuss.*

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION: Volunteer in the Parish:** *Our parish needs you. A vital aspect of a church is people willing to bring their talents, experience and energy to our various ministries and activities. This can be very fulfilling and help build our community. We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:*

**Church Gardens:** I know a set date is not always convenient for everyone so please feel free to attend at any time to do a bit of weeding/cutting back. All help is greatly appreciated

**Church Cleaning:** I know a set date is not always convenient for everyone so please feel free to attend at any time to do a bit of cleaning if you have a spare hour. If you phone Fr he will confirm he is around to let you in. All help is greatly appreciated.

**Flower arranging/Visiting the Sick/Eucharistic Ministers/ Choir/Altar Serving**

Whilst "being" a Catholic is very important there are many jobs to be done and so "doing" Catholic is equally important. There really is something for everyone!

*"Lord, I thank you for this new day. I know that you love me, You look at me at this moment and want this day to be a brand new beginning with "a future full of hope".*

*Whatever I have to face today, one thing I know is that you will be there with me as my best friend, helping, consoling, strengthening, healing and guiding me.*

*Lord Jesus, I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my eyes to see as you do. I give you my tongue to speak your words. I give you my mind that you may think in me. I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.*

*Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all humankind. I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me this day.*

**Amen**



## Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham—Registered Charity No. 234216

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### Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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*O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.*

#### 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.

#### Mass Times

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

**Corpus Christi**

Confession 9.30am

Mass 10.00 am for Stan  
Oliver RIP with Children's  
Liturgy

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Mass 10.00am

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Mass 10.00am

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

No Mass

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Mass 10.00am

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**Solemnity of the Most  
Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

School Mass 10.00am

Mass 7.00pm for Fr

Harrington RIP

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Mass 5.00pm

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**Eleventh Sunday of  
Ordinary Time**

Confession 9.30am

Mass 10.00 am with  
Children's Liturgy

**Based on the gospel for Sunday 11 June, The Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord: John 6:51-68**

**"Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life."**

The feast of Corpus Christi reminds us that we are all equal in dignity before God, as Jesus welcomes anyone into life with him. We are all in critical need of the Eucharist, as we "will not have life" in us without Jesus.

The "Eucharist commits us to the poor" and unites us as we "form one body" in Christ. Our strength in loving others, corporal works of mercy, caring for the poor and building God's Kingdom of justice, comes from receiving Jesus himself. As we love our neighbour, through prayer, donations or actions of solidarity, we are reminded of Christ's words: "As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

As Jesus gives himself humbly as food, let us pray that our generosity will increase as we "recognise Christ in the poorest" and love him in our global brothers and sisters.

**Saint Mother Teresa gives a beautiful prayer:**

Nowhere on earth are you more welcome. Nowhere on earth are you more loved than by Jesus living and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. The time that you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth... Jesus, I love you with my whole heart, with my whole being... Help me love you in others.

**Amen.**



#### Altar Flowers

Please consider donating towards remembrance of a loved one.



#### Offertory

**28<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

GA	£53.00
NGA	£60.67
100 club	£150.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>£313.67</b>

**4<sup>th</sup> June 202**

GA	£103.00
NGA	£76.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>£179.27</b>

*Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Day for Life.*



**Recently died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Stan Oliver:** Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**The sick:** Margaret Ludlow, Isabel Hackett, Rose Cogan, Andrew Trueman, Eileen Morrissey, Mary Quilty, Mark Ford, Frances Irwin, George Irwin, 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.

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