

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 Officer: Hayley Macilwraith-

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Parish Health and Safety Hayley Macilwraith-

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Parish Administrator: Sue Perkins:
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Young Persons Officer: To be appointed :

yth.stgerard.bhm@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Finance and Premises

Committee: Fr, Sue Perkins, Sue Byrne, Therese and Frank.



St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'

Twitter: @StGerardsBham **School website:** www.stgerard.bham.sch.uk

Please keep in your prayers all the children and staff of our school as they begin their summer break. May they enjoy some rest and continue to live out and deepen their faith during this time.

Altar Flowers

Please consider donating towards remembrance of a loved one



No Newsletter!

There will be no newsletter for the next two weeks. Fr will announce any changes to weekdays masses each Sunday. It is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday 15th August so a Holy Day of Obligation. A date for your diaries!!

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:*

Young Persons Officer: We are looking to appoint a new Young Persons Officer. Please see Fr for details.

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. **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/Piety Stall**

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 must 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

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has form foundations, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

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 30th July

Confession 9.30am

Mass 10.00 am with

Children's Liturgy

Monday 31st July

Mass 10.00am

Tuesday 1st August

Mass 10.00am

Wednesday 2nd August

No Mass

Thursday 3rd August

Mass 10.00am

Friday 4th August

Mass 7.00pm

Saturday 5th August

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 6th August

Eighteenth Sunday of

Ordinary Time

Confession 9.30am

Mass 10.00 am with

Children's Liturgy



Popes intentions for August:

We pray that the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to love and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

We keep Nancy and Joyce in our prayers as they journey through World Youth Day. They are joined by Pope Francis this week and I know that they will be keeping us all here at St Gerard's in their prayers.



I huge thank you to all that made our Summer Fayre yesterday such a big success. The weather stayed dry and the sun shone and we welcomed people from across Birmingham, some visiting St Gerard's for the first time. It is hard work with planning and organising but hugely appreciated. . A special thankyou to Sarita and her family who were fundamental in pulling this all together Thank you.

There are some unclaimed raffle prizes at the back of church if you would like to take a look and claim any.

In addition to the Fayre being a wonderful community day it raised a magnificent £1383.30 towards church funds which is again very appreciated.

Recently died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Isobel Hackett, John Roche, Kirsty Ward:*

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The sick: Margaret Ludlow, 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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Offertory

23rd July 2023

GA £64.00

NGA £87.72

Priests Train £5.00

TOTAL £157.72

Thank you