

PASTORAL: Committee is led by Shirley.

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 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.

YOUTH: To be appointed: yth.stgerard.bham@rcaob.org.uk.

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our **Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Hayley Macilwraith who can be contacted on sg.stgerard.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

'We Live, Love and Learn Together with Jesus'

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

Year 3 Commitment Mass Sunday 21st April 10.00am

First Confession for Year 3: Wednesday 1st May 9.00am

Year 3 confession Wednesday 12th June in school

First Holy Communion: Saturday 15th June 10.00am.

VACANCY: Foundation Governor at St. Gerard's Catholic Primary School.

Foundation governors are appointed by the Bishop to serve as his representatives on the governing body of diocesan schools to ensure the Church's mission is upheld. Governors have oversight of the curriculum and the appointment of staff and are accountable for the performance of the school. They have a strategic role to play as well as acting as a critical friend to the headteacher. Training is provided to help governors fulfil this very important role. If you are interested and would like more information, please do not hesitate to in contacting the school office 01214642613.

Easter Raffle: Sarita and Bernie will be organising a raffle again this Easter. Any donations of Easter gifts/chocolates would be appreciated and can be left at the back of church. Thank you for your support.

Spring into Spring- Saturday 6th April 11.00am-3.00pm: Upcycle have organised a fun filled family day to be held here at St Gerards church, church garden and centre. Please pick up a flyer at the back of church and gather up family and friends to come along for what will be a great day in celebration of Upcycles 10th anniversary supporting the Castle Vale community.

Sacred Paschal Triduum

Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through the Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, has its centre in the Easter Vigil and closes with evening prayers on the Sunday of the Resurrection.

"And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna!'"

On Palm Sunday we hear two gospels. First, Jesus' triumphant arrival into Jerusalem. Second, his arrest, condemnation and death on the cross. Outwardly these two stories might not have much in common. But in both of them the crowd has an important role to play in God's plan. In the first they shout 'Hosanna' – praising Christ and asking God to save them. This shows the Jewish authorities just how important a figure Jesus has become. In the second, they shout 'Crucify him!', forcing Pilate to release Barabbas instead. One voice, raised in opposition or support, does not always make much difference. But together, many voices, united in one cry, can change the minds of those who hold power, whether for good or evil. Last year over 70,000 Catholics in England and Wales signed a letter in solidarity with small-scale farmer Salina from Bangladesh who is fighting for the right to use and save her own seeds. CAFOD campaigners took the letter to the World Bank to call on them to stop pushing policies that increase corporate control over seeds and limit the choices of farmers like Salina. Let us remember the difference we can make when we band together. Let us raise our voices and make them heard, as we speak out for what we know to be right. Let us add our voices to those of our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are calling for change and an end to poverty and injustice.



Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his resurrection.

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 24th March

Palm Sunday

Confession 9.30am

Mass 10.00am with Childrens

Liturgy

Monday 25th March

Mass 10.00am

Tuesday 26th March

Mass 10.00am

Wednesday 27th March

Mass 10.00am

Maundy Thursday 28th March

Mass 7.00pm

Good Friday 29th March

Service 3.00pm

Saturday 30th March

Easter Vigil

Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 31st March

Easter Sunday

Confession 9.30am

Mass 10.00am with Childrens

Liturgy for Agath Maher RIP



Palm Sunday

On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. Accordingly, the memorial of this entrance of the Lord takes place at all Masses. We will begin today's Mass with the blessing of palms and a procession into Church. Please gather at the back of church with your palms.

The words for the hymn to be sung as we process into church are printed in the Mass books on page 181.

As we do not have any music accompaniment over our Easter services, Fr will be playing the following hymns for us to join in singing with:

Palm Sunday Mass: Procession: All Glory Laud and Honour No 19, **Offertory:** Give me joy in my heart No 159, **Communion:** Were you there No:598 **Final Hymn:** When I survey the Wonderous Cross. No: 610

Maundy Thursday Mass: Thursday 28th March: 7.00pm. Entrance: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind No:116, **Offertory:** Gifts of Bread and Wine: No:158, **Communion:** This is my body No: 556, **Final Hymn:** O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder No: 404

Good Friday service: Friday 29th March: 3.00pm. Silent entrance, Hymns: Jesus remember me No 717, **Adoration of the Holy Cross:** When I survey the wonderous cross No: 610, **Communion:** Were you there when they crucified my Lord No 598

Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday 30th March: 6.00pm. Entrance: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks. No 14, **Offertory:** Take our Bread. No 511, **Communion:** On a Hill far away. No 413, **Final Hymn:** How lovely on the mountain. No 223

Easter Sunday Mass: Sunday 31st March: 10.00am. Entrance: This is the day No 560, **Offertory:** Take our Bread No 511, **Communion:** Bread of Life: In folder, **Final Hymn** How lovely on the mountain No 223

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: Kath McMullen, Margaret Ludlow, Rose Cogan, Andrew Trueman, Eileen Morrissey, Frances Irwin, George Irwin, Debbie Johnson and all the sick priests of the diocese. May the Lord grant them the healing they require.

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