

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 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.

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 confession Wednesday 12th June in school

First Holy Communion: Saturday 15th June 10.00am.

VACANCY: Foundation Governor at St Gerard's Catholic Primary School. Training is provided to help governors fulfil this very important role. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the school office on 0121 464 2613.

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Each priest seeks in his ministry, a dollop of common sense, a modicum of humility, a thick skin, a desire not to please everybody all the time, a love for Christ and his people, an awareness of personal weaknesses, kindness, gentleness and patience. These are not imparted at ordination, but to me, as time passes, they become an essential part of priesthood. To possess some of them, or all of them is rare, but seeking them makes the vocation of priesthood much more manageable.

I take inspiration from the words of Pope Benedict XVI. In a letter penned to priests worldwide on June 19, 2009, the feast of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, he reflected on the immense gift which the priesthood represents, not only for the Church, but also for humanity itself. "I think," Pope Benedict wrote, "...of all those priests who quietly present Christ's words and actions each day to the faithful and to the whole world, striving to be one with the Lord in their thoughts and their will, their sentiments and their style of life. How can I not pay tribute to their apostolic labours, their tireless and hidden service, their universal charity? And how can I not praise the courageous fidelity of so many priests who, even amid difficulties and incomprehension, remain faithful to their vocation as "friends of Christ", whom He has called by name, chosen and sent?"

Each year priests and deacons renew their commitment to their ministry and calling. This year the Mass of celebration for deacons of the Archdiocese falls on Saturday 8 June at St Chad's Cathedral at 11.30am. Please pray for our priests and deacons: *For all priests and deacons who quietly witness to Christ every day. Sacred Heart of Jesus enfold them.*

Fr Patrick Brennan

Caritas Social Action Network-General Election 2024.

With a general election on our national horizon, we, the Catholic community, have an opportunity to exercise active citizenship and contribute to the building up of God's Kingdom of "love, justice and peace". We are encouraged to prioritise that which contributed to both our individual and collective flourishing. The church gives us the principles by which we can discern which candidate and which party will best advance the common good.

The common good has been a keystone of Catholic Social Teaching from the outset. The common good is defined as "the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfilment". The Bishops of England and Wales remind us of our responsibility "all are responsible for all, collectively, at the level of society, not only as individuals".

The promotion of the common good, the key criterion for determining who we vote for, means the flourishing of all people and the whole person, with no-one left behind. Every person has a right to what is required to live a fully human life such as food, clothing and shelter, the right to raise a family, the right to education, to employment, to a good reputation, to respect, to medical care and social services and dignity of the human person. The will of God for human beings is that we live in unity and love.

With love at the heart of our approach to the General Election we are called to see what is going on with people in our society- children and mental health, people who are sick, food banks because for some income is inadequate for a dignified life, homelessness, people in prison, people in care homes, people coming into our country to seek asylum- we need to be attentive to seeing maybe our own prejudices and see our world as God sees it. This way with prayers in the General Election we choose to vote for the candidate and political party that we believe in good conscience will most effectively build up the common good.



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and St Mary and St John's)
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O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it.

Mass Times

Sunday 9th June

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions 9.30am

*Mass 10.00am with Children's Liturgy for
Mary Bradbury RIP*

Monday 10th June

Mass 10.00am

Tuesday 11th June

Mass 10.00am

Wednesday 12th June

Mass 10.00am

Thursday 13th June

Mass 10.00am

Friday 14th June

School Mass 9.00am

Saturday 15th June

First Holy Communion Mass 10.00am

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 16th June

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Christ

Confession 9.30am

Mass 10.00am for Timothy Miller RIP and Rev

Fr John Basil Harrington RIP (2016)



"Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own"

Erdington Cluster group meeting

Thank you to Anna who represented St Gerard's at the recent planning meeting ahead of the next meeting on **Tuesday 18th June @ 7.00pm at St Peter and Paul's Church Hall.**

In a time when there are less priests and more rigour around maintaining churches and living out the Church's mission, including looking after our old and young, poor and hungry and strengthening our offerings for families, it is exciting to be joining forces with our neighbouring parishes to plan how we can all achieve more. There really is something for everyone and important that all parishioners have their say about how parishes working together can benefit the Church.

All parishioners are invited to attend this meeting and we very much hope that as many as possible will be able to, where, in small groups, we will discuss what each parish does well and therefore may be able to help other parishes in our cluster, and what areas we would like to be better at or need help with.

This is a real opportunity for us all to live out our parish mission and support the Church in its mission going forward. It is important to demonstrate the wonderful parish that is St Gerard's and the

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: Sarah Purcell, Theresa Floyd, Pat Bonner, 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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Offertory 2nd June

GA: £tba
NGA: £tba
Votives £tba
Total: £tba

Attendance: 69

*Thank you for your
continued support and
generosity*