

# Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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## 4th May 2025 - Third Sunday Of Easter

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DAY	LITURGY	TIME	INTENTION
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>			
<b>St Phillip and St James, Apostles</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>Confessions</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	From 9-9.30am <b>10am</b>	<i>William Doyle RIP</i>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
<i>Easter tide</i>	NO MASS		
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
<i>Easter tide</i>	<i>Church open for private prayer</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	8am <b>9am</b>	<i>Fr Cosslett RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
<i>Easter tide</i>	<i>Church open for private prayer</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	8am <b>9am</b>	<i>No Intention</i>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
<i>Easter tide</i>	<i>Church open for private prayer</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	8am <b>9am</b>	<i>No Intention</i>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
<i>Easter tide</i>	<i>Church open for private prayer</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	8am <b>9am</b>	<i>No Intention</i>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
<b>Memorial of St Damien of Molokai, Priest</b>	<i>Confessions</i> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	From 4-4.30pm <b>5pm</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>Confessions</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	From 9-9.30am <b>10am</b>	<i>William Doyle RIP</i>

### SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Hayley Macilwraith who can be contacted on [sg.stgerard.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stgerard.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.

### Sunday Offertory 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

#### **Attendance 75**

Collection for Last week will be published next week.

### 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.

### Fr Sean's Words.

Since moving into St Gerard's, I have been truly grateful for the warmth of your welcome—it's been a real blessing to begin getting to know this community. I don't yet know how long I will be serving as priest in charge here at St Gerard's, but over the coming months I want to focus on bringing renewal to the parish, so that this wonderful community can have a secure future.

That means doing all we can to help people come (or return) to Mass and to faith. How can we do this? I'm open to ideas! But, the following seem important to me:

- Engaging with those who have lapsed from practice of the faith and offering them the good news. I've already had many fruitful conversations with people, but we all need to make it a priority to share our love for Jesus with others.
- Improving our engagement with our school, particularly in regard to families engaging with sacramental preparation.
- Being intentional about the welcome we offer to newcomers coming to our church.
- Putting the parish on a more sustainable financial footing, which is essential if the parish is to have a future. At present, we're not there, so it will be necessary to encourage intentional giving (not just loose change), setting up standing orders and the use of Gift Aid to help us get on track.

Please keep the Cardinals in your prayers as they begin the important task of discerning who the Holy Spirit is calling to be our next Holy Father.

Thank you for all your support—let's continue walking together with faith and hope. Fr Sean.

### NEWS

#### Foundation Governor at St. Gerard's Catholic Primary School.

If you are a practicing Catholic who cares about Catholic Education and can commit to 10-12 hours a year, then you would make a fantastic Foundation Governor at St. Gerard's. Governors have strategic oversight of the school, and an important role in the appointment of staff. Training is provided. For more information, speak to Fr Sean or contact Mrs Bannister on 0121 464 2613.

#### The Erdington Cluster.

The Erdington cluster of local churches seek to work together in collaboration.

Cluster masses will be held at:

1. St Mary and St Johns on Friday 30th May at 7.00pm.
2. The Erdington Abbey on Thursday 26th June at 7.00pm.

There will be a **cluster pilgrimage to St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham on Saturday 21st June 2025**. Please express your interest on the form at the back of church.

### Regular Notices

**Hospital Chaplaincy.** If you or a family member are in hospital and would like a visit, please inform the parish office.

**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 Sean if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive a visit.

**Baptisms.** Baptism can only be organised after attendance at a preparation class. Please speak to Fr Sean after Mass to arrange attendance.

**RIP.** Please pray for those who have recently died, especially William Doyle. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**Please pray for the sick.** Especially: 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.

"With Christ at our side and St Gerard as our guide, we live, love, learn and pray together"



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### Kids' Corner

#### Game: Who Said That?

Listen carefully to the Gospel reading today, or read it with your parents, then....match the person to the line from today's Gospel.

#### Line from the gospel:

1. "It is the Lord!"
2. "Throw your net on the right side of the boat."
3. "Do you love me?"
4. "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

#### People:

- A. Jesus
- B. Peter
- C. The disciple Jesus loved
- D. Jesus again



(Answers: 1-C, 2-A, 3-D, 4-B)

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