

Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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8th June 2025 - Pentecost Sunday

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DAY	LITURGY	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday 7th June			
<i>Eastertide</i>	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass	<i>From 4-4.30pm</i> 5pm	<i>No Intention</i>
Sunday 8th June			
Pentecost Sunday	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>From 9-9.30am</i> 10am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 9th June			
<i>Mary Mother of the Church</i>	NO MASS		
Tuesday 10th June			
<i>Ordinary Time</i>	<i>Church open for private prayer</i> Holy Mass	<i>6pm</i> 7pm	<i>Terry Davidson RIP</i>
Wednesday 11th June			
<i>St Barnabas</i>	Holy Mass <i>Church open for private prayer</i>	9am <i>9.30am-10.30am</i>	<i>No Intention</i>
Thursday 12th June			
<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest</i>	Holy Mass <i>Church open for private prayer</i>	9am <i>9.30am-10.30am</i>	<i>No Intention</i>
Friday 13th June			
<i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	School Mass	9am	<i>No Intention</i>
Saturday 14th June			
<i>Ordinary Time</i>	First Holy Communion Mass	10am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 15th June			
The Most Holy Trinity	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>From 9-9.30am</i> 10am	<i>Robert Sloan RIP</i>

Fr Sean's Words.

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and Our Lady in the upper room. It marks the birth of the Church, and it reminds us that the same Holy Spirit is alive and at work in our parish today. How fitting, then, that at today's Mass we rejoice to welcome four children—Chase, Olivia, Axel, and Ariella—into the Church through the sacrament of Baptism. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

The weeks ahead continue this joyful rhythm of celebration. Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday, when we reflect on the great mystery of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The following week, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, giving thanks for the gift of Christ's Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

I will be away for the Corpus Christi weekend, but we are very glad to be welcoming a missionary priest to celebrate Mass with you in my absence.

Finally, please note that last night was the final Saturday Vigil Mass in our parish. Going forward, this Mass will be discontinued. In its place, there will usually be a Saturday morning Mass, which I hope many of you will find helpful.

Wishing you a Spirit-filled Pentecost,
Fr Sean

NEWS

Annual Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Will be held at Maryvale Chapel and shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Postcode B44 9AG). The novena of daily masses will begin at 7pm on Thursday 19th June and conclude on Friday 27th June on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Kenelm Youth Trust Upcoming Events

Bookings : Visit the Kenelm Youth Service website to book.

Payment Help: If you have difficulty paying for you children, please speak to Fr Sean privately.

- **Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk – 13 September:** 14-mile walk from St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, to the Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Shorter walk option available. Includes prayer time with Bishop Timothy.
- **It's a Knockout – 28-29 June:** Outdoor games, challenges, Mass, BBQ, and camping at Rough Close Woodlands for juniors (Years 5-7) and seniors (Years 8-12).

Join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford on Sunday 6th July. If you can't make it to Lourdes, this is a chance to share the experience locally. Refreshments from 1pm, confessions 2:15–3:45pm, Rosary at 3pm, and the Sacrament of the Sick. Bishop Timothy Menezes will celebrate. Please bring your own chairs. For details, contact Fr Jeremy Howard at 07868 542268 or fr.jeremy.howard@rcaob.org.uk.

The Erdington cluster of local churches seek to work together in collaboration. 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. **Cluster masses will be held at:** The Erdington Abbey on Thursday 26th June at 7.00pm.

Sunday Offering

1st June 2025. Attendance: 70

Standing Orders: £55

Gift Aid: £126 non-GA: £88.45 2nd: 22.75

Kids' Corner

Today is **Pentecost Sunday**—the day we remember how the Holy Spirit came like wind and fire and filled the hearts of Jesus' friends. The Holy Spirit gave them courage to tell the whole world about God's love. That's why we call Pentecost the birthday of the Church!



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Today is even more exciting because during Mass, we'll celebrate the baptism of four children:

Chase, Olivia, Axel, and Ariella.

Just like the first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit will come to them too. They'll become part of God's family forever. That's something really special you get to see today.

Things to look out for during the baptism!

- 1) **The priest pouring holy water:** this washes away sin and gives new life.
- 2) **The white garment:** a sign that the child is pure and new in Christ.
- 3) **The candle:** lit from the Easter candle, showing they have received the light of Christ.

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. 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.

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.

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 or alternatively you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.

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