

Parish of St. Gerard, Castle Vale

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6th July 2025 – 14th Sunday Ordinary Time

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| DAY | LITURGY | TIME | INTENTION |
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| Sunday 7th July | | | |
| 14th Sunday Ordinary Time | Confessions Holy Mass | From 9-9.30am 10am | People of the Parish |
| Monday 8th July | | | |
| Ordinary Time | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday 9th July | | | |
| Ordinary Time | Holy Mass | 9.00am | Michael Stanley |
| Wednesday 10th July | | | |
| Ordinary Time | Holy Mass | 9.00am | Ann Smith RIP |
| Thursday 11th July | | | |
| Ordinary Time | Holy Mass | 9.00am | No Intention |
| Friday 12th July | | | |
| Ordinary Time | Holy Mass | 9.00am | No intention |
| Saturday 13th July | | | |
| Our Lady on Saturday | Holy Mass | 9.00am | No Intention |
| Sunday 14th July | | | |
| 15th Sunday Ordinary Time | Confessions Holy Mass | From 9-9.30am 10am | People of the Parish |

Since I joined your community at Easter, I made it clear that I was not appointed here permanently, but to cover whilst Fr Matthew moved on to other responsibilities. I have been told by the Vicar General that we should have an update for next weekend on what the future holds for us.

With help from John, over the last few weeks I have been working on the creation of a small chapel in what used to be the parish office. This will allow for a dignified space for the celebration of holy mass on weekdays. Crucially, it will allow for the somewhere warm for mass to be celebrated in the colder months without heating the entire church. I hope you will be able to see it next week.

Join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford This afternoon. 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.

NEWS

Youth 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.

Next week there will be second collection for **'Sea Sunday'** to support the work of the missionaries who support sailors.

If you have a **Red Box**, please bring it in for counting.

Please take one of the postcards from the **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children**. This is a crucial time to renew our support for the voiceless unborn child.

Collection – 29.6.25

Gift Aid - £98.00

Non-Gift Aid – 80.01

Peter's Pence - £42.80

Attendance - 68

KIDS CORNER

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His friends:

"When you enter a house, say: Peace be with you!"

At Mass, we do the same, we turn to each other, make the sign of the cross and say,

"Peace be with you."

We're not just being polite; It's a way of sharing Jesus' love and forgiveness with others.

👉 **Activity: Peace Handprint**

Draw around your hand. Inside it, write or draw ways you can share peace this week. For Example:

- ☀ Say sorry when you hurt someone
- ☀ Forgive someone who upset you
- ☀ Help people get along

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.

Parish Council Members

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| Chair - Fr Sean | fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk |
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Parish Pastoral Council

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