



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
SACRED HEART & ST GERARD
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Services this Week

Tuesday	6.00pm 7.00pm	Confessions until 6.45pm Mass in Sacred Heart
Wednesday	10.00am 7.00pm	Mass in Sacred Heart First Reconciliation in St Gerard's
Thursday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's <i>Confessions after Mass</i>
Friday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's
Saturday	4.00pm 5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St Gerard's Vigil Mass in Sacred Heart
Sunday	10.00am 11.30am	Mass in St Gerard's Mass in Sacred Heart

The Scriptures

First Reading
Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

Psalm 19
Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Luke 5:1-11

Parish Finance Meeting

Following our January meeting a group has volunteered to look at parish finances, including fundraising, increased giving and gift-aid. I invite those interested to meet on Wednesday 23rd February in St Gerard's hall at 7.00pm.

Collections & Contactless Donations

One topic of conversation at the parish meeting was the possibility of accepting contactless donations for the parish. It is possible to buy a machine to accept contactless donations where people can choose how much they want to donate and if they want to gift-aid it, all done from a simple touchscreen device. In a world where fewer people use cash is this worth considering? Fr Stuart would like to know if this option would appeal to you?

Fabric Issues

We are still waiting on quotes for the work in St Gerard's which means we will not be able to get Diocesan approval for the work until the next Fabric and Finance meetings on 8th March.

We have appointed Gordon Harrison Architects to investigate the issues and provide options for Sacred Heart Church, Hall and House. They hope to provide options and costings by the end of March. They will provide an initial survey, drawings, specifications, costings and investigate planning and building warrants for a fixed cost of £4500. I worked with the Architects on a survey of the college in Rome.

Meanwhile we will arrange a full asbestos survey of the 6 parish buildings.

Please remember in your prayers

Sick:

Baby Felix Durnion, Jackie Chinskie, Lorraine McCarthy, Leanne McGovern, Billy Mosedale, Thomas O'Donnell, Marcella Taylor, Fr Raymond Jaconelli, Avril Fannon, Matt MacDonald, Jean Murphy, Megan Carlin, Jamie Devine, Elizabeth Lunny, Margaret McMahon, Tom Downie, Annie Taggart, Betty McAuley, Angela Ferguson, Wilma Dempsey, Marion Desmond, Chris Tinto,

Recently Dead: Elizabeth Claire Mooney, Betty McDermott, Brian Maley, Margaret Diamond Curran, Anne Boyd, Peter Mooney,

Months Minds: Patricia Hughes, Joseph Costello jnr, Kitty Curran, James McAuley, Anna & John Quinn, Michael Campbell, John McAuley,

Anniversaries: Lorraine Fox, Michael Cassidy, Robert Neilan, Anne McAuley,

First Reconciliation

Please pray for the primary 3 pupils of St Gerard's who will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Wednesday evening. May they always know the love, forgiveness and mercy of the Lord.

Please Pray for

Brian Maley RIP

*Whose funeral will be celebrated on Friday 18th
February at 9.30am in St Gerard's Church.*

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,

Church Toilets

As we have finally been able to have repairs completed on the toilets in St Gerard's I thought it was a good time to say that the church toilets are available for use.

Diocesan Priesthood

Thinking about diocesan priesthood in 2022? The Catholic Church is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary.

For more information speak to Fr Stuart or contact Fr Charles O'Farrell, email: profarrell@rcdom.org.uk."

Please Pray For

Archbishop elect Bill Nolan, the new archbishop of Glasgow appointed by Pope Francis on Friday. Archbishop Bill was a priest of the Diocese of Motherwell and for the last 7 years has been Bishop of Galloway. We pray that the Lord will guide him in his new ministry.

Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Scotland On the Restoration of the Mass Obligation in the Dioceses of Scotland

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The obligation for Catholics to celebrate Sunday as a Holy Day by gathering together for Mass will be restored from the First Sunday in Lent, Sunday 6th March.

Given the easing of restrictions in every other walk of life, the Church looks forward to welcoming Catholics back to Holy Mass. As always, the obligation does not apply to those who are sick and their carers or to those aware of their greater vulnerability to the virus. May the continuing recovery of our country bring new hope to us all especially those who are ill, those who mourn loved ones, those who are apprehensive and those who have sustained us in so many ways throughout the Pandemic.

We, the Bishops of Scotland, take this opportunity to thank our clergy and our parish volunteers for all their efforts. May our Lenten journey this year lead us to a renewed appreciation of our Catholic faith, of the celebration of the Eucharist and of the presence of the Risen Christ who is always at our side.

Bishop Hugh Gilbert, President, Bishops' Conference of Scotland

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