



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
SACRED HEART & ST GERARD
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4th Sunday Easter B

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Services this Week

Tuesday	6.00pm	<i>Confessions until 6.45pm</i>
	7.00pm	Mass in Sacred Heart
Wednesday	10.00am	Mass in Sacred Heart
Thursday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's <i>Confessions after Mass</i>
Friday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's
Saturday	4.00pm	Vigil Mass from St Gerard's
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass from Sacred Heart
Sunday	10.00am	Mass in St Gerard's
	11.30am	Mass from Sacred Heart
	5.00pm	Mass from Sacred Heart

The Scriptures

First Reading
Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 118
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Second Reading
1 John 3:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel
John 10:11-18

Mass Booking

Masses on Saturday 24th April and Sunday 25th April can be booked on
Wednesday 21st April at 7.00pm

How to Book

Telephone 07510 490797 or online
at www.shsg.eventbrite.co.uk

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

On a Tuesday night from 6pm to 6.45pm in Sacred Heart and after Mass in St Gerard's on a Thursday morning.

Thank You

The Sunday collection last weekend was £1380.

From next weekend and throughout May the second collection is the Diocesan Collection for Retired Priests.

Baptisms

We can now start taking bookings for Baptisms for the next few months. Baptisms can be celebrated on a Sunday at 1.00pm in either Church. At the moment due to the restrictions on numbers and the number that can gather for celebrations afterwards each family can invite up to 20 guests. Please speak to Fr Stuart to make arrangements.

Please remember in your prayers

Sick:

Baby Felix Durnion, Matt McDonald, Kathleen Grant, Jackie Chinskie, Jane Downie, Betty McDermott, Betty McAuley, Anne Taggart, Martin Burns, Megan Carlin, Kirsty White, Gerard Foley, Tony Maschinsky, Elizabeth Ann Curtis, Maureen Griffin, May Dick, Lauren Nicol, Joseph Townsley, Peter Mitchell, Thomas O'Donnell, John Hamilton, Michael Rennie, Rosemary Walsh, Jayne Murphy, Jim McIlroy, Lorraine McCarthy, Mary McCardle, John McKendry (Coatbridge), Jane Curran, Nan McAtamney, Margaret McMahan, Frank Devlin, K Brown, L Wilson, M Lavery, Leanne McGovern, Billy Mosedale, Arthur Keeney, Elizabeth Healy,

Recently Dead: Iain Girvan, John White, Agnes Bonner (McGrath), Andrew Bradshaw, Marian Walker,

Months Minds: Kitty Curran, Tessa McDade,

Anniversaries: Mary McStay, Jean Fannon, Hannagh Cavanagh, Robert McDade,

Increased Church Capacity for Mass

The capacity of the churches increases this week which adds more choices and I suspect complications to the booking process. The choices are different for both Churches although bookings are still made by phone and Eventbrite.

Sacred Heart Church

There will be two options when booking. A booking for a space for up to 2 people from the same household and the option to book a space for a household group of up to 5 people.

In any one booking it will be possible to book only one of the smaller spaces or one of the spaces for up to 5 people. If you are booking for someone else you can start another booking after you have completed the first. Eventbrite views these bookings as 1 ticket or 2 tickets. So booking for a household of up to 5 appears as if you have two tickets but it is only the one space for up to 5 people.

St Gerard's Church

The irregular benches mean there are more choices in the booking process.

There will be 4 types of booking available online. A booking for one person, a booking for up to 2 people from the same household, a booking for up to 3 people from the same household and a booking for up to 5 people from the same household. You can add numbers together to get the number you need and we will do what we can to sit households together. Any two bookings of 1 or a 1 and a 2 would allow a household up to 5 to sit together.

If your household is bigger than 5 please speak to Fr Stuart who can explain the best way to make a booking.

Some booking thoughts...

Please bear with us, we are trying to allow a flexible system to allow as many people as possible to attend church.

This flexibility needs everyone's cooperation and patience. In particular please sit where our stewards ask as it allows more people into the church. It is a little like a jigsaw puzzle with human pieces and social distancing requirements!

The bookings allow up to a particular number from the same household, you do not need to fill that space to book it but you cannot be a greater number than you have booked. The one exception is that children 4 and under do not need to have a booked place.

Hopefully the greater number of spaces will make it easier to get booked on a Wednesday evening.

Thank You

Junior, Addie, David and Joseph have been overwhelmed by the love, care, kindness and compassion shown to us at this sad time. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for the prayers, Masses, cards, flowers and the 'meals on wheels' we have received. Special thanks to Fr Stuart, Deacon Jim, Donna & Debbie for the music, stewards and sacristans and all who contributed to the Liturgy of Iain's Mass. To Kevin at John Clark's funeral service and to Steve at sincere stationery. But above all to Ann for the love and daily support since Iain's death. Holy Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Thank You

I would like to express my thanks to all the parishioners and friends for their prayers and cards sent to me during my illness. Mass will be offered in thanksgiving. Christine Connelly.
