



**St Margaret Mary,
Birmingham
The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th February 2023**

*Readings are on p.136 of the yellow books
available from the back of church.*

Priest: ✠ In the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Confiteor: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do, through my fault,
through my fault, through my most
grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed
Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May Almighty God have
mercy upon us, forgive us our sins

and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore
you, we glorify you, we give you
thanks for your great glory, Lord
God, heavenly King, O God, almighty
Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only
begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Father, you take
away the sins of the world, have
mercy on us, you take away the sins
of the world, receive our prayer, you
are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us. For you
alone are the Holy One, you alone are
the Lord, you alone are the Most
High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Collect

**First reading: Ecclesiastes 15.16-
21.** *Man has fire and water, life and death,
before him – put out your hand o whichever
you prefer.*

Psalm Response: *They are happy who
follow God's law.*

**Second reading: 1 Corinthians
2.6-10.** *We have a wisdom to offer – not a
philosophy of our age.*

Gospel Acclamation: (Please

stand): *Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.*

The Gospel: **Matthew 5.20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37.** *Jesus goes deeper even than the commandments.*

Homily

Apostles Creed I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, Our Lord, *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary*, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Offertory Pray Brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. **The Mystery of faith: We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper of the Lamb. All: **Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Dismissal: Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Notices * Figures for 5/2/2023, Gift Aid: £79; Building Fund: £20, Loose: £122.03; Ukrainian family appeal: £200 (total). 2nd Collection, Racial Justice: £100.04. Attendance: 203

*The Quarterly parish magazine is out at the back of church, suggested donation of £1. **This includes information about Lent, Holy Week and Easter.**

***Ash Wednesday is on 22 February, Mass with ashing at 9.15am and 7pm.**

*Lent '*Walk with me*' books (suggested donation of £1) and free Lent calendars are available from the back of church.

*Cost of living crisis: Witton Lodge Community Association's Health and Wellbeing Officer, Scott Baldwin, offers expert advice and insight into how people can save money during the current energy/cost of living crisis.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8OxM6bVvdM&t=67s>

*'Is the law our enemy or our friend? A lawyer's guidance for pro-lifers' - Come and listen to Jeremiah Igunnubole, legal counsel for ADF, explain the implications of buffer zones/PSPOs and how we can respond. Sun 19th Feb, 3.30pm at the parish hall of St Joseph and St Helen's RC Church, Station Rd, Kings Norton B30 1JG. For more details or to get involved in 40 Days for Life contact Isabel: 07773 501721

* The Portal magazine portalmag.co.uk is out on 1 February: <https://soundcloud.com/user-666404058> for the weekly podcast, which includes an interview with the Ukrainian Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, based in London.

* Congratulations to Sally (Sarah) Lee who celebrated her 90th birthday last week. Ad multos annos.

*Good tumble dryer (condenser) going for free, please ask Fr Simon

*Pope Francis Apostleship of Prayer for February: For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

*Marriage Care Volunteers needed for the Birmingham team to present and facilitate courses for engaged couples.

If you are interested, contact Birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org

for more information on support for couples and families, go to www.marriagecare.org.uk

* **Sycamore course for 2023:**

15 Feb SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

HALF TERM

1 Mar THE HOLY BIBLE

8 Mar POWER OF PRAYER

15 Mar TRUE FREEDOM

22 Mar WHAT IS LOVE?

* **Our foodbank:** Carmel Dowdall is on 07943 577638.

***UKRAINIAN APPEAL**

For help to families in Ukraine facing a harsh winter: The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week will cost approximately £16. Each package will contain the basics (grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish preserves, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, tea, coffee, biscuits etc.). Help Ukraine Emergency Appeal, C/O Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund, A/C No 20927317, Sort Code: 20-92-60.

*Sponsorship for our Treasurer, Terry Brown's pilgrimage walk from Tui to Santiago de Compostela, a distance of 75 miles. Can put aside 10p a week 27th November to the 21st May which is £2.50 in total. If every person could do that we would raise £500.

***Prayers for the departed:**

Antonina Usowicz, Margaret Mary Rose, Stephen McInerney, Mary Neal, Collette Blekinsopp, Nancy Ivers, Noel Bullock, Emily Judge, Margaret Bennett, Patrick Finnerty, Chris Lane, Kevin Ritchie, Francis Donnelly, Mark Fahy, John Connor, Fr Mike Cain, Carlos Beckford, Claudette Phillips, William Charles Edwin Chew, Mick Lawrence, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Sr Deidre Michael SBVM, Fr Michael Beattie SJ, Cyril (Ray) Bricknall, Cardinal George Pell, David Bevington, Rita (Margaret) McNamara, Joan Dyke, Shirley Williams, John Montague, Peter Iriabe RIP.

THIS WEEK Saturday, 11th
6.30pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday, 12th The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 9.30am Mass (John and Joyce McCarthy). 11am Mass (pro populo).

Monday, 13th 9.30am Mass at *The Convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 99 Old Oscott Hill, Kingstanding.*
12 Noon Requiem Mass for Rita (Margaret) McNamara RIP .6.30pm Adoration & Benediction. 7pm Mass.

Tuesday, 14th Ss Cyril and Methodius, Co-Patrons of Europe. 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (Thomas Francis RIP). 7pm Youth Club pancake night.

Wednesday, 15th 8.35am Adoration and Benediction. 9.15am Mass (Joan Dyke RIP). 6pm Sycamore Course meets in the Newman Gallery.

Friday, 17th 9.15am Mass (Peter Iriabe RIP). Half term begins.

Saturday, 18th 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Patrick McConway RIP).

Sunday, 19th The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 9.30am Mass (Geraldine Mathewson RIP). 11am Mass (Deceased members of the McConway family). 12.30pm Baptism of Lewis Hartley. *2nd Collection for Pro-Life. 3.30pm Meeting on Pro-Life issues and the law at parish hall of St Joseph and St Helen's RC Church, Station Rd, Kings Norton, B30 1JG.*

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