



**Welcome to  
St Margaret Mary Church  
Birmingham  
LENT IV  
Laetare Sunday, Mothering Sunday  
30<sup>th</sup> March, 2025  
Jubilee Year**

'St Margaret Mary Church, a community where God's heart speaks to our hearts, to transform us to worship, to serve the needy and to make missionary disciples of all nations'

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.**

**Kyries**

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

**First reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12.** *The people of God enter the promised land and keep Passover.*

**Psalm Response:** *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

**Second reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21.** *God reconciles us to himself through Christ.*

**Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand):** *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God. I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.'*

**The Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32.** *The parable of the prodigal younger son, the forgiving father and the unforgiving elder brother.*

**Homily**

**Nicene Creed** (1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year)

I believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things, visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only begotten Son of God, born of the  
Father before all ages, God from God, Light  
from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the  
Father; through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came  
down from heaven,  
[PLEASE KNEEL IF ABLE:] *and by the  
Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and  
became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried and  
rose again on the third day in accordance  
with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father. He will come again  
in glory to judge the living and the dead and  
his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified, who has spoken through the  
prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for  
the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to  
the resurrection of the dead, and the life of  
the world to come. Amen.

Bidding Prayers – see screen

**Offertory - hymn see screen**

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:** Save us, Saviour of  
the world, for by your Cross and  
Resurrection you have set us free.

**Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.**

**This week to view** Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March  
5.45pm Confessions. 6.30pm Mass  
(John Devlin RIP). Presentation to  
Jan and John Coffey.

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> March **LENT IV.**

**Mothering Sunday. Clocks go  
forward.** 9.30am Mass (Maureen  
Dargan RIP). 11am Mass (Kathy  
Dowling RIP and Fitzpatrick family).

Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> 7.30am Mass (Ronald  
Crane). 7pm Newman Gallery  
(refreshments from 6.45pm) **LENT  
TALKS: NICENE CREED 1700  
ANNIVERSARY – NOT ONE  
IOTA?** (Christ's  
Divinity) Ronald Crane, Portal  
Magazine

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 8.55am Rosary.  
9.15am Mass (Philip Charman RIP).

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 8.35am  
Adoration. 9.15am Mass (Maureen Dargan). 5.30pm Sycamore meeting. 7pm Formation for Ministry of the Word in Church with Deacon Gary O'Brien.

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Mass (Jo Brough RIP). 5pm SVP meeting. 6.30pm Stations of the Cross. 7pm *First Friday Mass at Maryvale, Sacred Heart Chapel.*

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> **10am-11.30am Church cleaning before Holy Week, followed by refreshments.** 5.45pm Confessions. 6.30pm Mass.

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> April **LENT V. Passiontide**  
9.30am Mass (Katharine Ryan RIP).  
11am Mass (Kathy Dowling RIP and Fitzpatrick family).

**Notices** \*Figures for **23/3/25** Gift Aid: £224, Loose: £256.04  
Building Fund: £17; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham: £161.77 .  
Attendance: 221

*\*Building Fund envelopes are available to all those who wish to support St Margaret Mary Church ongoing maintenance.*

\*Sign up sheets for the watch and for foot-washing are now at the back of church. Many thanks for stepping forward.

\*A 28 day notice has been posted in the porch regarding plans for our new extension. You have a right to comment or object by writing to [dcn.paul.oconnor@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.paul.oconnor@rcaob.org.uk) or

*The Executive Secretary, Art and Architecture Committee, St George's Presbytery, 2 Sansome Place, Worcester, WR1 1UG.* <https://www.catholic-historicchurches.org.uk/applications/birmingham-30-2025-1>

\*St Chad's Sanctuary desperately needs food items as stocks are low. Can you please respond during this second part of Lent? Donations of food or cash to buy food, please give via Treasurer or Fr Simon.

\*Portal Magazine is out on 1<sup>st</sup> April, visit [portalmag.co.uk](http://portalmag.co.uk) There is also the portal podcast on: <https://soundcloud.com/ordinariateportalpodcast>

\*Prayer Vigil for Life: Join the Candlelight Peaceful Prayer Vigil for Life organised by March for Life UK at 7pm on Sunday, 27th April. This event will be held in Victoria Square, Birmingham to remember the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. No need to bring posters or candles. For more information go to: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk>

\*A tree will be planted in the spring in memory of Elaine Cummins RIP. If you would like to donate to the cost, please give to the Treasurer in an envelope marked 'EC tree contribution' by 12 April. We hope to plant the tree on 26 April at 11am.

\*A parish 'African Mass' will be celebrated on Easter II, Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April at 11am. If you would like to join the choir,

please contact Amaka Aninweze on  
07823 757513 amakab4u@yahoo.com

\*Christian Bernal is running the Great Birmingham Run on 4th May to raise funds for St Margaret Mary SVP. Please sponsor him if you can (QR code below). Thank you. The next SVP meeting will be on Friday 4th April at 5pm. All welcome.



**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025 at ST  
MARGARET MARY PARISH**

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
with blessing of palms**

**PALM SUNDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am Mass  
& 11am Mass with blessing of palms.**

**Maundy Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm  
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, FOOT  
WASHING AND PROCESSION TO THE  
ALTAR OF REPOSE, WATCH OVERNIGHT.**

**Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30am Ecumenical Walk of Witness in  
Erdington town centre, meet at Oikos  
Café.**

**2pm Stations of the Cross;  
3pm DIVINE LITURGY.**

**Holy Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 11am 'Świecenie  
potraw Wielkanocnych' - the Polish  
Tradition of the blessing of baskets. All  
welcome.**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 8.30pm EASTER VIGIL,  
BLESSING OF THE EASTER FIRE, THE  
PASCHAL CANDLE, THE FONT AND  
RENEWAL OF BAPTISM AND FIRST  
COMMUNION OF EASTER.**

**EASTER DAY, 20<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am and 11am  
MASS**

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\* **Jubilee Year Pilgrimage** to St John Henry Newman's Littlemore College and Chapel is on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. Details to follow.

\***Sycamore Course Autumn 2025**  
Meetings take place in the Newman Gallery in Church (upstairs) on Wednesdays at 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

2/4 The Mass

9/4 The Light of Christ

**\*Prayers for the departed:**

Sinead Sullivan, Jan Miguel, Brian Crawford, Jo Brough, Freda Simpson, Raymond Griffiths, Patricia Charles, Mary Veronica Rodgers, George Aideyan, Stephen Ferns, Philip Goodfellow, Peter Doyle, Noreen Kenny, Maureen Dargan, Bernadette Glasgow, Salina Agnes Lo, William Morrison, Mary Watters, Philip Charman, Fr Francis Dickinson, Roy Durrant, William Shanahan, Kathleen Davies, Mary Josephine Jones, Sheila Wyatt, Christine Spencer, Janina Gorlewska, Bogdan Maliszewski, Paul Gerard McDermott, Seamus Crowley RIP

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Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Reps Nicola Brown & Virginia Okeke.

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Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)

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