



Welcome
St Margaret Mary Church
Birmingham
THE EXALTATION OF THE
HOLY CROSS
14th September, 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

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.

First reading: Numbers 21.4b-9

*If anyone were bitten by a serpent, the bronze
serpent would save them*

Psalm Response: *Never forget the deeds
of the Lord!*

Second reading: Philippians 2.6-

11. *Jesus humbled himself, taking the form of a servant.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Please stand*



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.

The Gospel: John 3.13-17. *The Son of Man must be lifted up.*

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 – 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.**

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK Saturday, 13th
5.45-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm
Mass

Sunday, 14th September **THE
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY
CROSS** 9.30am Mass (Alec Grant &
Owen Faulkner RIP). 11am Mass.
Education Sunday. *2nd Collection,
Catholic Education Service*

Monday, 15th **No 7.30am Mass.**
11.30am Funeral of Malita Vickers
RIP.

Tuesday, 16th Ss Cyprian & Cornelius.
8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (
Katharine, Duchess of Kent RIP).

Wednesday, 17th **No 9.15am Mass.**

Friday, 19th 9.15am Mass

Saturday, 20th 5.45-6.20pm
Confessions. 6.30pm Mass

Sunday, 21st September **25th Sunday
in Ordinary Time.** 9.30am Mass
(Thoman Thomas RIP). 11am Mass
(Justina Morrin RIP). *2nd Collection,
Catholic Evangelisation. 3pm Cluster
General Meeting at Christ the King, St
John's Hall.*

Notices: * Figures for 7/9/2025
Gift Aid: £140.50, Loose: £307.53,
Building Fund £23.45. Attendance:
201

***Quarterly magazine** available
today, together with the **Annual**

Report for 2024. Suggested donation
30p.

*** Sycamore Course Autumn 2025**

Meetings take place in the Newman
Gallery in Church (upstairs) on
Wednesdays at 5.30pm – 6.30pm:

1/10 Who is Jesus?

**8/10, The Holy Spirit and the
Church**

15/10 The Bible

**22/10 The Community of the
Church**

Half term

5/11 Power of Prayer

19/11 Finding Freedom

**3/12 The Sacraments of Baptism
and Confirmation**

10/12 The Mass

**17/12 The social teaching of the
Church**

***Oscott College** is open as part of
Birmingham Heritage Week and the
national Heritage Open Days on
Wednesday, 17th September. Tour
times: 10:00-12:00 and 13:30-15:30.
Further details can be found on the
college website:

<https://t.co/koFWy96dGq>

***Praying with Pope Leo, Apostleship of
Prayer for September: *For our relationship with
all of creation***

*Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we
might experience our interdependence with all
creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love
and respect.*

*Certificate of Catholic Practice for entrance into oversubscribed Catholic Schools – this is only issued for children who have attended mass (in any Catholic parish) regularly over the past five years. Fr Simon will not be making the system unworkable by issuing certificates for those who do not qualify for such a certificate! We have, again, written to St Margaret Mary School parents of early years to give due warning/encouragement!

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th November 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight from Birmingham, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4 Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

***New Heights Community Project Vacancy – Volunteer and Activities Coordinator** New Heights is looking for a passionate and organised Volunteer and Activities Co-ordinator to join our team. If you're excited about supporting community activities, events and working with volunteers, we'd love to hear from you! Application Deadline: 12th September 2025. For more information and to apply, please email: enquiries@newheights.org.uk or call: 0121 386 4345

***Prayers for the departed:**

Ronald Crane, Catherine Compagno, Andrew Wenner, Rose Ryan, Andrew Boateng, Donna Milnes, Jason Selwood,

Peter Hevican, Gerry Brady, Rt Rev Hewlett Thompson, Nichola Vizzard, Fr Keith Robinson, Fr David Mawson, Katharine Ryan, Norman Bacon, Paul Mozeley, Anthony Whelan, Graham Mason, Fr Matteo Balzano, Deacon Adrian Davies, Sr Emmanuella, Michael Maughan, Ann Thynne, James McKeever, Carol Green, Anthony O'Reilly, Patricia Harvey, Fr Michael Hart, Jimmy McCrossan, Philomena Birnie, Callum Partridge, Amanda Farragher, Fr Paul Johnson, Agnes Pirie, Rhoda Kalema, Czarek Kuprewicz, Lucyna Szambir, Malita Vickers, Violet Holland, Dominic Boyd, Katharine, Duchess of Kent, Kasey Lei Greene, Justina Morrin, Natasha Thorp

Requiescant in pace

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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 Representative is Renata Olkowska. She can be contacted at sg.margaret-mary.bham@rcaob.org.uk

Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

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Working in a cluster with the Ordinariate of
Our Lady of Walsingham
Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale and
Christ the King, Kingstanding.

Statement from Archbishop Bernard Longley (5/9/2025):

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) are undertaking a thematic inspection of survivor engagement and support, and the Archdiocese of Birmingham has been chosen as one of the Dioceses to be involved in this project.

As such, all Dioceses and Religious Life Groups (RLGs) have been asked by the CSSA to share a public survey inviting survivors to contribute their experiences. The purpose of this public call is to gather information from anyone who has had recent contact with the Archdiocese of Birmingham, or any other Diocese or RLG.

This includes experiences that are new or ongoing, as well as those connected to non-recent abuse, both in a faith context and outside of faith. While the primary focus is the period from July 2024 onwards, the CSSA do not wish to limit what survivors choose to share.

Information regarding this survey can be found via:

www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/contact-us-and-other-information/public-calls-for-information/

The direct link to the survey is:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tIVAm_9UYqKjMSFUOTc5TzILTEdTWkuYsJhaTIU0QURaOU05SC4u

If you haven't previously engaged with the Archdiocese of Birmingham Safeguarding team but feel that it would be helpful to do so, please don't hesitate to contact the Safeguarding office on 0121-230-6240, or by

emailing safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk.

The survey is an important step in ensuring that survivor voices are heard, valued, and used to shape future safeguarding practice. We are committed to supporting survivors with compassion and sensitivity and are grateful to all those who have already shared their experience

and work in partnership with us to improve support for survivors”



The Jubilee Pilgrimage of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, led by Bishop David Waller, will take place in Rome on 8-10 October 2025. This includes the Feast of our Patron, St John Henry Newman, with Mass celebrated in Newman's own titular Church of San Giorgio in Velabro. Participation in all or any of the pilgrimage ceremonies is free (except for the tour of the catacombs). Pilgrims will organize their own transport to (and around) Rome and arrange their own accommodation.

PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE

WED 8 OCTOBER

5pm Welcome of foot pilgrims by Bishop David Waller
5.30pm Solemn Evensong
Venerable English College

THU 9 OCTOBER

FEAST OF ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

10am Solemn Mass
Church of San Giorgio in Velabro
1pm Procession along Via della Conciliazione to St Peter's Basilica, Veneration of relics of St Peter, enter through Holy Door

FRI 10 OCTOBER

9.40am meet at Catacomb of Callistus for
10am tour, concluding with Mass followed by optional walk to Basilica of St John Lateran

To register an interest in participating, and to be kept informed of an optional informal dinner, and other arrangements in Rome, please scan the QR code or visit: <https://forms.gle/wkaqCeb7oFD2gxu87>

