



**St Margaret Mary,
Birmingham**

LENT III

7th March, 2021

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.

First reading: Exodus 20.1-17
The ten commandments are given
by God.

Psalm response: *You, Lord, have
the message of eternal life*

**Second reading: 1 Corinthians
1.22-25** *We preach a crucified
Christ, which appears to be mad or
an obstacle.*

Gospel acclamation: *I am the
resurrection and the life, says the
Lord; whoever believes in me will
never die.*

Gospel: John 2.13-25 *Jesus
cleanses the temple, and talks of the
destruction of the temple of his body
on the cross and its restoration*

Homily

Nicene Creed 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,

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.

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: Save us, saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

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.**

Notices * We have appointed **Mr Vincent Byrne as Organist and Choirmaster** of the parish. Vincent will play at the Sunday 11am Mass and for Feast Days and Holy Week.

* Please would you let Fr Simon know if you can form a **cleaning team** for Saturday 27th March, 10am -11.30am.

* We have just made **17 new voluntary appointments** of those working with children/vulnerable

adults – who have been through the DBS checks.

* Figures from 28/2/2021: Loose £182.56, Gift Aid: £110, Building Fund: £30; 2nd Collection Cafod: £197.87 (incl £25 Gift Aid), Attendance: 131

* Covid update – we urge all to receive the **vaccination**, when invited. **This is the sure way that we can bring this pandemic to its conclusion.**

* If you are self-isolating during this pandemic, and you give by envelopes, please could you hand them to church by the middle of March, so we can process them? Please let Treasurer Terry Brown (07969 978007) or Fr Simon know if you want them picking up from your house.

* We have taken the decision not to continue with 'tap and go' because the costs of rental and the cost per transaction are not worth the amount we collect. Please talk to Treasurer, Terry Brown (07969 978007) for help with how to give.

* The Governing Body of St Margaret Mary School, Perry Common, Birmingham are currently seeking to recruit a new **Headteacher** for 1 September,

2021. We are keen to attract as wide a field of suitably qualified and experienced applicants as possible.

Closing date: 9am, Monday, 19th April, 2021

Interviews: Wednesday, 28th April, 2021. Details available from the school website:

<https://www.stmgmtmry.bham.sch.uk/>

* **Our foodbank** Please phone Carmel Dowdall on 07943 577638 if you have foodbank enquiries.

* St Chad's Sanctuary would still love donations of food and toiletries, specifically:
food - baked beans, tinned fish (tuna, sardines etc), rice oil
toiletries - especially shaving foam and razors
things for new born baby packs - (NOT CLOTHES) muslins, dummies, bibs, etc

We would also now be able to accept certain clothing donations, specifically:

Men's t-shirts/ Men's coats
Men's jumpers

* www.portal.mag.uk is out for March on Monday. There is now a weekly podcast available on: <https://soundcloud.com/user-666404058>

* If anyone needs a new 'iD' SIM card for their mobile, Fr Simon bought one which is now not needed. Contact for details. £10 credit.

* Pope Francis' prayer for March:
Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

***Prayers for the departed:**

Phillip Fisher, Patrick Joseph Kelly, Mother Mary Teresa SSM, Fr Pat Joyce, The Most Revd Philip Tartaglia, Mgr Mark Langham, Annie Teresa Walsh, Janet Miller, Fr Giles Goward, Patrick Fullerton, Paul Lewsley, Eileen Brenda Fennell, Daniel Kerr, Lucian Nethsingha, Barbara Burnham, Martha Ugwu, Frank Charles, Terrence Doyle, Ladislav Balaz, Anna Baharewicz.

SYCAMORE

Virtual Lent discussion group 7pm-8pm

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH (9 Mar)

THE GIFT OF FAITH (16 Mar)

FINDING TRUE FREEDOM (23 Mar)

THE MEANING OF LOVE (30 Mar)

THIS WEEK Saturday, 6th
6.30pm Mass (Our servers). LENT III.

Sun 7th March **LENT III** 9.30am Mass (Holy Father Pope Francis' visit to Iraq) 11am Mass (Dermot Duffy RIP). *2nd Collection for Cathedral Maintenance.*

Monday, 8th March. 7pm Mass (Fr Pat Joyce RIP).

Tuesday, 9th Mar 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (Ann Walsh RIP). 7pm-8pm, Sycamore Zoom Lent course 3: The Holy Spirit and the Church

Wednesday, 10th St John Ogilvie 8.35am Adoration. 9.15am Mass (40 days for life Birmingham).

Friday, 12th 9.15am Mass (Geraldine Mathewson RIP). 6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 13th 6.30pm Mass (Kerry Parkes). LENT IV.

Sun 14th March **LENT IV Mothering Sunday. Laetare (Refreshment) Sunday** 9.30am Mass (Our Mothers) 11am Mass (Fr Ivan Weston, Ord)

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