



**St Margaret Mary,
Birmingham
LENT V Passion Sunday
21st 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: Jeremiah 31.31-34
God will plant his law in their hearts.

Psalm response: *A pure heart
create for me, O God.*

Second reading: Hebrews 5.7-9
*Christ offered up prayer aloud and
in silent tears*

Gospel acclamation: *Whoever
serves me must follow me, says the
Lord; and where I am, there also will
my servant be.*

Gospel: John 12.20-33
*A grain of wheat has to die to yield a
rich harvest*

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 * If you are a reader at mass, please check you are reading during Holy Week, and please will you rehearse your reading?

* We have been awarded a substantial grant towards the cost of a **new organ**. Please would you enable us to meet the full cost by making a donation? Please mark all envelopes 'New organ fund'. Cheques payable to 'St Margaret Mary Church'. All donors will be personally acknowledged and there will be a plaque placed on the organ to acknowledge all donors.

* Figures from 14/3/2021: Loose £173.29, Gift Aid: £105, 2nd Attendance: 137

* John and Janet Coffey will soon be collecting your APF (Missio) Red Boxes. Please would you bring into the sacristy over the next week.

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

* The UK **Census** is a unique survey that happens every 10 years and it is coming on 21 March. By taking part, you can help inform decisions on services that shape your community, such as healthcare, education and transport. It's important that you fill in your census questionnaire. For more information, and to find out how to get help, visit www.census.gov.uk or call the contact centre on 0800 141 2021 (after March 1st).

* **Street Pastors** initiative will begin in Erdington. If you are interested in this role, or in offering supportive prayer, or logistical help or as a Trustee, please watch this space. The launch will be 27 March at 1pm.

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

Survey: Please complete a new Archdiocese survey reflecting on your experiences during the pandemic. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/> There is also a further piece of research being carried out in Dublin (Mater Dei Institute), who welcome responses: <https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/survey>

* The Governing Body of St Margaret Mary School, Perry Common, Birmingham are currently seeking to recruit a new **Headteacher** for 1 September, '21

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

Interviews: Wednesday, 28th April, 2021. Details available from the school website: <https://www.stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk/>

* **Our foodbank - we need fresh donations please.** 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 razor/ 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. There is now a weekly podcast available on: <https://soundcloud.com/user-666404058>

***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, Thomas Doyle, Mary Margaret Parrott, Marjorie Derbyshire, Rev John Polkinghorne, Rev David Reed

SYCAMORE

Virtual Lent discussion group 7pm-8pm

FINDING TRUE FREEDOM (23 Mar)

THE MEANING OF LOVE (30 Mar)

THIS WEEK Saturday, 20th
6.30pm Mass (Anthony Cartwright).
LENT V. Passiontide

Sun 21st March **LENT V Passion Sunday** 9.30am Mass (Josie Fahey)
11am Mass

Monday, 22nd March. 7pm Mass
(Annie Rochford RIP)

Tuesday, 23rd Mar 8.55am Rosary.
9.15am Mass (Marjorie Derbyshire
RIP). 7pm-8pm, Sycamore Zoom
Lent course 5: Finding true freedom.

Wednesday, 24th 8.35am
Adoration. 9.15am Mass (40 days
campaign of prayer). **7pm VIGIL
MASS: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE
LORD.**

Thursday, 25th March **THE
ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD.**
Chrism Mass live stream for the
Ordinate at 11am, celebrated by
the new Apostolic Nuncio, H.E.
Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti:
www.bit.ly/warwick-st-mass

Friday, 26th 9.15am Mass (Prisoners
and their families). 6.30pm Stations

Saturday, 27th 10am-11.30am
Church cleaning. 1pm Launch of
Erdington Street Pastors Initiative.
6.30pm Mass (Anthony Cartwright).
Vigil for Palm Sunday.

Sun 28th March **PALM SUNDAY**
9.30am Mass (George Patrick Parkes
RIP) 11am Mass (Joyce Kearney
RIP).

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Our Lady of Walsingham &
Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale and Christ
the King, Kingstanding.



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Statement from the Presidency of the Bishops' Conference on the National Day of Reflection for COVID-19 Tuesday 23rd March 2021

We welcome the designation of Tuesday 23rd March as a National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a minute's silence at midday and doorstep vigils of light at 8pm.

We ask you all to make this not only a Day of Reflection but also a Day of Prayer. In reflection we ponder on all that has taken place; in prayer we bring this to our Heavenly Father. For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon. Without prayer we live in a foreshortened world and are more easily swamped by its clamour and tragedy. Throughout this difficult year, so many have been inspired by prayer, so much effort sustained in prayer, in every place. So let us make the 23rd March truly a day of prayer.

March 2020 was the first time our churches had to be closed. It is our hope that on this day, every one of our churches will be open. We invite everyone to enter a church on this day, to reflect and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We know this will involve an extra effort, but this can be part of our important contribution to a significant moment in the life of our country. Indeed, we ask that you might invite a friend, neighbour or colleague to come to church with you as you make this visit.

There is so much on which to reflect and include in our prayer.

We reflect in sorrow on all those who have died, whether family members, friends or those unknown to us personally. We pray for them, asking our Father to welcome them into their heavenly home, the destiny for which God first gave us the gift of life.

We reflect with compassion on all those who have suffered during this last year, whether through illness, stress, financial disaster or family tensions. We pray for their ongoing resilience, courage and capacity to forgive.

We reflect with thanksgiving for the generosity, inventiveness, self-sacrifice and determination shown by so many in this most difficult of times. We pray for them,

thanking God for their gifts and dedication, whether they are scientists, politicians, health workers, public servants of every kind, community leaders or steadfast family members and friends who continue to show such love and compassion.

We reflect in hope that, as the pandemic is controlled and we open up our lives again, we will gather in the lessons we have learned and build our society into a better shape, more compassionate, less marked by inequalities, more responsive to needs and deprivation. We ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us in this endeavour, whether we are focussing on overcoming family breakdowns, economic recovery, or building political consensus.

Christian prayer is, of course, centred on Jesus Christ, the one who is “lifted up” before us “so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him” (John 3.13). We pray with Jesus, in him and through him, for he is the one who carries us, and our prayers, into the embracing presence of his Father. He is our comfort in sorrow, our strength in the face of need, our rejoicing in the gifts we celebrate and our hope in the face of the weighty darkness of death.

May Tuesday 23rd March be a great day of prayer that this pandemic comes to an end and that the gift of God’s Holy Spirit will carry us all forward to a new and better life, both here and in the world to come.

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