



**St Margaret Mary,  
Birmingham  
The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

*Readings are on p.139 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: Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-  
18.** *You must love your neighbour as  
yourself.*

**Psalm Response:** *The Lord is  
compassion and love.*

**Second reading: 1 Corinthians  
3.16-23.** *You belong to Christ.*

**Gospel Acclamation: (Please  
stand):** *If anyone loves me he will keep my*

*word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.*

**The Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48.**

*Love your enemies.*

## 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 12/2/2023, Gift Aid: £55; Building Fund: £11 Loose: £140.45; Attendance: 187.

\*Many thanks to all who helped with the 'Fearless' retreat at Alton Castle.

\* **Earthquake Appeals**, two options for making a donations, see below:

**1. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has opened an emergency appeal for victims of the earthquake in Syria.** Project partners in Aleppo and northern Syria have already opened their doors to families who have been made homeless by the earthquake and they are flooding into Church-run schools, hospitals, convents and other buildings. ACN Syria team, who coordinate projects, are already assessing the situation on the ground in northern Syria and the surrounding area and are poised to develop projects working closely with the respective

project partners, especially in Aleppo. Here are the account details:  
A/C: Aid to the Church in Need Bank - Nat West  
Sort code – 60 05 24  
Account number – 62670492  
Please include reference – ‘*Syria earthquake appeal*’

[turkey-prayer-appeal-for-earthquake-victims/https://acnuk.org/news/syria-and-](https://acnuk.org/news/syria-and-turkey-prayer-appeal-for-earthquake-victims/)

## **2. There is also the CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal**

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance, and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. For more details visit CAFOD’s Syria/Turkey Emergency Appeal online at

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/turkey-and-syria-earthquake-prayer>

\*The Quarterly parish magazine is out at the back of church, suggested donation of £1.

\*John Montague’s Requiem Mass is on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February at 11am.

\*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 on saving money  
[.https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8OxM6bVvdM&t=67s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8OxM6bVvdM&t=67s)

\* The Portal magazine [portalmag.co.uk](http://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.

\*We are reinstating **collection bags** at all weekend masses for cash and envelopes, beginning on 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March, Lent II. The option of donating through the wall-mounted collection boxes will still remain. We will also continue to emphasise the importance of standing orders as the preferred method, together with Gift Aid for tax-payers. Please speak to Terry Brown (07969 978007) about your giving at this crucial time of our church’s future development.

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

### **\* Sycamore course for 2023:**

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:**

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, Mick Lawrence, Mary  
Margaret (Molly) Wilson RIP.

**THIS WEEK** Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup>  
6.30pm Vigil Mass (Patrick  
McConway RIP).

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

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Mass at The  
*Convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, 99 Old Oscott Hill, Kingstanding.*  
6.30pm Adoration & Benediction.  
7pm Mass (Martha Ugwu RIP).

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> 8.55am Rosary.  
9.15am Mass.

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> **ASH**  
**WEDNESDAY** 8.35am Adoration  
and Benediction. 9.15am Mass with  
ashing. 7pm Mass with ashing.

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Mass (Mariyamma  
Thomas RIP). 6.30pm Stations of the  
Cross.

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
(Patrick McConway RIP).

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> **LENT I** 9.30am Mass  
(Shirley Williams RIP). 11am Mass  
(Paul Grimes RIP).

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