



**St Margaret Mary,
Birmingham
LENT II
5th March 2023**

*Readings are on p.155 of the yellow books
available from the back of church.*

Lenten symbol of the cross: The
crown of thorns (John 19.2)

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

Collect

First reading: Genesis 12.1-4. *The
Lord's covenant with Abraham.*

Psalm Response: *May your love be upon
us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

**Second reading: 2 Timothy 1.8-
10.** *We bear hardship for the sake of the
Gospel, relying on God's grace.*

**Gospel Acclamation: (Please
stand):** *Praise to you, O Christ, king of
eternal glory. From the bright cloud the
Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son,
the Beloved. Listen to him.'*

The Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9.
The transfiguration of Jesus Christ.

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: 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.**

Dismissal: Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Notices * Figures for 26/2/2023, Gift Aid: £84; Loose: £152.51 ; 2nd

Collection, Turkey/Syria Earthquake victims: £270.07; Attendance: 223.

*If you attend the 9.30am Mass on Sundays, we are trying to launch a singing group, beginning on 12th March, please let Fr Simon know if you are interested.

‘AMAZING GRACE’: Monday evenings in LENT 2023

6pm Evening Prayer, followed by refreshments, then 6.45pm Talk and discussion.

*6 March **Costly grace** versus cheap grace – Pastor Gerard Goshawk, Six Ways Baptist Church, Erdington.

*13 March What on earth are **special graces?** – Ronald Crane, Co-Editor, Portal Magazine of the Ordinariate.

*20 March **Cooperative grace** and the life of the Saints - Fr Michael Dolman, Rector of Oscott College.

*27 March The **sanctifying grace** of baptism – Mother Winsome Durrant OSB, Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (Ordinariate) Kingstanding.

* **Earthquake Appeal: Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has opened an emergency appeal for victims of the earthquake in Syria.** 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 earthquakeappeal*’

<https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/syria-emergency-appeal/>

* EWTN homilies during Lent from Ordinate priests: The **Lenten series of addresses on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network)** this year are given by six of Our Ordinate priests, including Fr Simon (Lent 5). It is broadcast on Sunday and repeats again on Tuesday. The easiest way to watch the series is on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6M97j7ULuc>

*Pope Francis Apostleship of Prayer intention for March is for victims of abuse: *We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.* The Holy Father's Message for Lent is available <https://www.youtube.com/c/VaticanNews>

* Archdiocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is 27 May – 2 June, for details and booking, go to <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/birmingham-lde> To see the film that accompanied last year's relic tour, visit: <https://youtu.be/3HY8iT2GioM>

* The Portal magazine portalmag.co.uk is out on 1 March: <https://soundcloud.com/user-666404058> for the weekly podcast.

* Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer – This promises to be an important year

for this project and you are asked to support it together with Christians around our country and beyond. How can you support it? 1) Financially – see website below 2) By Prayer 3) By sending in real answers to prayer that you have experienced in your life. www.thewall.org.uk.

* Our new hearing loop system is now in place. Please inform Fr Simon of any issues and we have installed a new main road noticeboard.

*We are reinstating **collection bags** at all weekend masses for cash and envelopes, beginning on 4th/5th 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. Terry will be in contact soon with those who give by envelope. Please speak to Terry Brown (07969 978007) about your giving at this crucial time of our church's future development.

*Restoration of the chalice: The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is suggesting that those who wish to can resume **the administration of the chalice on Maundy Thursday**. Q/A Do we have to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice?

A: The Church teaches that the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ is present in both the Sacred Host and Precious Blood,

and so there is no obligation to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice. However, the Eucharist is a sign of our unity in our diversity as the body of Christ, and so the Church teaches that Holy Communion 'has a fuller sign when it takes place under both kinds, for in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord'.

However, 'Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence that as regards the resulting fruits, those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation'.

* **Sycamore course for 2023** (6pm-7pm in the Newman Gallery

8 Mar POWER OF PRAYER
15 Mar TRUE FREEDOM
22 Mar WHAT IS LOVE?

* **Our foodbank:** Carmel Dowdall is on 07943 577638.

*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.

***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, Christiana K. Chukwurah, Mary Russell RIP.

THIS WEEK Saturday, 4th
5.45pm-6.15pm Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Dorothy Corfield RIP).

Sunday, 5th **LENT II** 9.30am Mass (David Coffey RIP). 11am Mass (Martha Ugwu RIP). *2nd collection for Cathedral maintenance.*

Monday, 6th 9.30am Mass at *The Convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 99 Old Oscott Hill, Kingstanding.*
6pm Evening prayer, followed by Lent talk II: Costly grace versus cheap grace – Pastor Gerard Goshawk, Six Ways Baptist Church, Erdington.

Tuesday, 7th Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs. 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (Valy a Kochu RIP). 7pm Stewarding meeting in the Presbytery.

Wednesday, 8th 8.35am Adoration and Benediction. 9.15am Mass (Derek Seeney RIP). 6pm Sycamore course.

Friday, 10th St John Ogilvie. 9.15am Mass (Fr Keith Robinson). Cafod Lent fast day. 6.30pm Stations of the Cross.

Saturday, 11th 12 Noon at *St Chad's Cathedral – APF (Missio) Mass for all who give to the Pope's overseas work.*
5.45pm-6.15pm Confessions. 6.30pm

Vigil Mass (Jenna Calland). *At all masses over the weekend we welcome Fr Joseph Bulaswamy of APF (Missio). There will also be a foodbank appeal given by Thomas Joseph from our parish, in training for the diaconate.*

Sunday, 12th **LENT III** 9.30am
Family Mass (Dermot Duffy RIP).
11am Mass (Edna Grigg RIP). *2nd collection for Cafod.*

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