



## St Margaret Mary Birmingham

### LENT II

**The Year of Prayer  
25<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**

**Family Mass, with  
particular welcome to Y2  
and Y5.**

*If you need detailed readings they are on p.  
151 of the books available from the back*

#### **Opening hymn:**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is  
troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save  
us.  
Make us your living voice.

*Christ, be our light!.....*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for  
others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Christ, be our light!....*

Longing for shelter, many are  
homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering  
others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Christ, be our light!*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Christ, be our light!.....*

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.**

**Kyries (Sung)** Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, Kyrie eleison  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have  
mercy, Christe eleison  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy,  
kyrie eleison.

**First reading:** **Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18.** *The sacrifice of Abraham.*

**Psalm Response:** *I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

**Second reading:** **Romans 8.31-34.** *God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for our benefit.*

**Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand):** *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, word of the Father, Son of God. From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard, this is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, word of the Father, Son of God.*

**The Gospel:** **Mark 9.2-10** *Jesus is transfigured on the mountain.*

## 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 hymn:

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,  
fruits of labour, fruits of love:  
taken, offered, sanctified,  
blessed and broken; words of one  
who died:

*'Take my body, take my saving blood.'*  
*Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.*

Christ our Saviour, living presence  
here,  
as He promised while on earth:  
'I am with you for all time,  
I am with you in this bread and wine.'  
*'Take my body....*

Through the Father, with the Spirit,  
one in union with the Son,  
for God's people, joined in prayer,  
faith is strengthened by the food we  
share.

*'Take my body....*

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.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your  
glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Bless'd is he, Bless'd is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**The Mystery of faith:** When we eat  
this Bread and drink this Cup, we  
proclaim your Death, O Lord, until  
you come again

### **Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy, have mercy,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy, have mercy,  
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.**

### **Communion hymn:**

Jesus remember me, when you come  
into your kingdom, Jesus remember  
me, when you come into your  
kingdom.

### **Final hymn:**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin My  
hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them –  
whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me;  
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them; they  
turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My Word to them –  
whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?...*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them; My hand  
will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them – whom  
shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?.....*

## Notices

\* Figures for 18/2/24, Envelopes: £161, Loose: £200.17, Attendance: 166

\**Right to life Campaign*: Support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in the abortion law in the UK. Please collect a postcard today from the back of church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment. For those in Erdington our MP is: *Mrs Paulette Hamilton, MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.*

\* The Portal magazine [portalmag.co.uk](http://portalmag.co.uk) is out for February. Minicast is available: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/hddlabb4dwz35moz89qx/PortalMag-Podcast-Epiphany-2024.mp3?rlkey=kvcwm8y465ajhpr72ko7kkd2s&dl=0>(<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/hddlabb4dwz35moz89qx/PortalMag-Podcast-Epiphany-2024.mp3?rlkey=kvcwm8y465ajhpr72ko7kkd2s&dl=0>)

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*"There is always a need for us Catholics to be able to know what is going on, especially in that key relationship between our faith and our world."*

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\* Pope Francis, Apostleship of Prayer for March: *For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.*

\*Witton Lakes Clear Up Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 9.45am, meet at the Eco Hub.

\* Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School is looking for exam invigilators. All details on the website: <https://www.cardinalwiseman.net/exam-invigilator-0124/>

\*'Jesus Christ Superstar' is being performed on Monday, 22 April at 7.30pm at the Hippodrome. We have a parish group going and there are six tickets left, at £25, child or adult.

### **\*Sycamore Course 2024**

Meetings take place in the Newman Gallery in Church (upstairs) on Wednesdays at 6pm - 7pm  
28/2, Forgiveness  
6/3, Vocations  
20/3, The Mass

**\*Prayers for the departed:**

James Bailey, Joseph Shannon,  
Princes Chinwe Akigwe, Vivian Ellis,  
Jimmy Doyle, Martin John Leydon,  
Catherine Mary Jones, Edmund  
(Eamonn) Francis Loughran, Carine  
Yankam, Jacqui Carron, Ann  
Babington, Andy Deane, Joan Smith,  
Patricia Walsh, Revd David Spencer,  
John Hemmings, Fr Brian Gill.  
William Moran, Geoffrey Corbett,  
June Driscoll, Hugh Callaghan,  
George Mealy, Nikoll Paluca, Cecilia  
Smalley, Alan Edward McKell, Fr  
John Lungley, Thomas Baxter, Ian  
O'Hara, Jonathan Bodenham, Michael  
Mitchell, Nora Duffy, Fr Peter  
Peterken, Eva Price, Ronnie Wood,  
James Skejugo, James Cullen, Joan  
Cannon, Frederick Farrell, Bishop  
Colin Buchanan, Allan  
Kettleborough, Francis McGreene,  
Margaret Waller, Robert Roberts,  
Marie Chatten, Bernadette Maughan,  
Eileen Gurney, Barbara Pearce,  
Watson Chidzomba, Philomena Ann  
Meere, Betty Rudd, Tadeusz Samsik,  
Barbara Ann Pearce, Felix Bankom,  
Rita Corthorne, Janina Surowiec RIP

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> 5.45pm-6.20pm  
Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass for  
Lent II. (Jack Scully RIP).

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> **LENT II.** 9.30am Family  
Mass, with particular focus on Year 2  
and 5 (Marie Chatten RIP). 11am  
Mass (Rita Corthorne RIP) 2<sup>nd</sup>  
*Collection for Cafod.*

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Mass at the  
*Convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, 99 Old Oscott Hill, B44 9SR.*  
6.30pm Adoration and Benediction.  
No evening mass. 7.15pm Reception  
of Philomena Meere RIP into church  
and Evening Prayer.

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> St Gregory of Narek  
8.55 am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (Phil  
and Eileen Powell). 12 Noon Requiem  
Funeral Mass for Philomena Ann  
Meere RIP. 6.45pm Youth Club Fire  
Station Visit (for those who have pre-  
booked).

Wed, 28<sup>th</sup> 8.35am Adoration and  
Benediction. 9.15am Mass (Abraham  
Thomas RIP). 6pm Sycamore course.

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March St David, Patron  
Saint of Wales. 9.15am Mass  
(Thomas Francis RIP). 6.30pm  
Stations of the Cross.

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 5.45pm-6.20pm  
Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass for  
Lent III. (Terry Kelly RIP).

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> **LENT III.** 9.30am Mass  
(Terrence Kelly RIP). 11am Mass.  
3.30pm Lent Talk on the 'Our Father' I  
at Oscott College. We leave here at  
**3pm.** Followed by tea and 5pm Holy  
Hour. 2<sup>nd</sup> *Collection for Cathedral  
Maintenance.*

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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 Representatives are Nicola Brown & Virginia Okeke. They can be contacted at [sg.margaret-mary.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.margaret-mary.bham@rcaob.org.uk) Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)

