



**St Margaret Mary  
Birmingham  
LENT IV  
Laetare Sunday  
Mothering Sunday  
The Year of Prayer  
10<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

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

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** Lord, have mercy. Lord,  
have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have  
mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**First reading: 2 Chronicles  
36:14-16, 19-23.** *The people of God are  
exiled to Babylon until the kingdom of  
Persia came to power.*

**Psalm Response:** *O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

**Second reading: Ephesians 2.4-  
10.** *You have been saved by grace.*

**Gospel Acclamation: (Please  
stand):** *Praise to you Lord Jesus  
Christ, word of the Father, Son of God.  
God loved the world so much that he gave his  
only Son: everyone who believes in him has  
eternal life. Praise to you Lord Jesus  
Christ, word of the Father, Son of God.*

**The Gospel: John 3.14-21.** *God sent  
his Son so that through him the world might  
be saved.*

### **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

1. Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills,  
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

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

## Notices

\* Figures for 3/3/24, Envelopes: £141, Loose: £258.38, Building Fund: £12; 2nd Collection Cathedral Maintenance: £149.73 Attendance: 225

\*Lent reconciliation service for our cluster of parishes is at Christ the King, Kingstanding at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. This can be

a good opportunity during Lent to make our confession to a priest we do not know.

\*Servers rehearsal for Holy Week:  
Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30am.

\*Congratulations to Marie Welch on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

\**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.

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

\*Erdington Abbey Lourdes  
Pilgrimage June 11th to 15th 2024  
4 nights full board. Full spiritual programme led by Fr Maurice O'Mahony C.Ss.R,  
For details please contact Nicholas Bartleet 07778 857369

\* 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.*

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

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

### ***Sycamore course for the summer:***

1 May The existence of God

8 May A God who speaks

15 May Who is Jesus?

22 May The Holy Spirit and the Church

### **Half term**

5 June The Holy Bible

12 June Gift of Faith

19 June Baptism and the Sacraments

26 June The power of Prayer

3 July Forgiveness, healing and mission

10 July The Christian Vocations

### **\*Prayers for the departed:**

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, Watson Chidzomba, Philomena Ann Meere, Betty Rudd, Tadeusz Samsik, Barbara Ann Pearce, Felix Bankom, Rita Corthorne, Janina

Surowiec, Joseph Joseph, Fr John  
Smethurst, Maria Agius, Margaret  
Raven, Alan Rowan, Pawel  
Sokolowski RIP

### **THIS WEEK**

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> 5.45pm-6.20pm  
Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass for  
Lent IV. (Bridget Foley & deceased  
members of the Foly family).

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> **LENT IV. Mothering  
Sunday.** 9.30am Mass (Joseph Joseph  
RIP). 11am Mass (Paul Duncan RIP)  
3.30pm Lent Talk II on the '*Our  
Father*', at Oscott College, St Thomas  
Chapel. We leave here at **3pm**.  
Followed by tea and 5pm Holy Hour.

Monday, 11<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.  
7pm Mass (Janina Surowiec RIP).

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> 8.55 am Rosary.  
9.15am Mass (Michelle Else,  
recovery). 7pm Youth club.

Wed, 13<sup>th</sup> 8.35am Adoration and  
Benediction. 9.15am Mass (Siobhan  
McNulty, recovery). *No Sycamore  
course tonight.* 7pm Full Governors  
meeting at school.

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 9.15am Mass  
(Thomas Clancy, recovery). 6.30pm  
Stations of the Cross.

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> 5.45pm-6.20pm  
Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass for  
Lent V. (Catherine and Christopher  
Russell).

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> **LENT V.**  
**Passiontide.** 9.30am Mass (Jonathan  
Bodenham). 11am Mass (Pat Conray  
RIP) 3.30pm Lent Talk on the '*Our  
Father*', III, at Oscott College, St  
Thomas Chapel. We leave here at  
**3pm**. Followed by tea and 5pm Holy  
Hour.

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

### **Safeguarding**

The Parish operates in accordance with  
Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and  
National and Archdiocesan policies and  
procedures at all times. Our Parish  
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