



**Welcome to  
St Margaret Mary Church  
Birmingham  
LENT V  
Passiontide  
6<sup>th</sup> April, 2025  
Jubilee Year**

'St Margaret Mary Church, a community where God's heart speaks to our hearts, to transform us to worship, to serve the needy and to make missionary disciples of all nations'

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.**

**Kyries**

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

**First reading: Isaiah 43.16-21.**

*The Lord will give water in the wilderness.*

**Psalm Response:** *What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

**Second reading: Philippians**

**3.8-14.** *St Paul desires to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share in his sufferings.*

**Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand):** *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God. Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful.*

**The Gospel: John 8.1-11.** *After a woman is about to be stoned for adultery, Jesus says, let him without sin cast the first stone.*

**Homily**

**Nicene Creed** (1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year)

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,  
[PLEASE KNEEL IF ABLE:] *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.

Bidding Prayers – see screen

**Offertory - hymn see screen**

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.

**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.**

**This week to view**

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> **10am-11.30am Church  
cleaning before Holy Week,  
followed by refreshments.** 5.45pm  
Confessions. 6.30pm Mass.

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> April **LENT V. Passiontide**  
9.30am Mass (Katharine Ryan RIP).  
11am Mass.

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30am Mass (Fr Walter  
Nyatsanza RIP).. 1pm Reconciliation  
for Y3. 4.30pm Reception into  
church for Sheila Wyatt RIP. 7pm  
Newman Gallery (refreshments from  
6.45pm) **LENT TALKS: NICENE  
CREED 1700 ANNIVERSARY –  
ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC  
AND APOSTOLIC** (Church  
and Baptism). Fr Leonard Cox.

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 8.55am Rosary.

9.15am Mass (Elaine Cummins RIP).  
12.30pm Requiem Mass for Sheila  
Wyatt RIP. 7pm Youth club.

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 8.35am  
Adoration. 9.15am Mass (Deacon  
Dominic Fahey 60th). 5.30pm  
Sycamore meeting. 7pm Formation  
for Ministry of the Word in Church  
with Deacon Gary O'Brien.

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April *At Our Lady of the  
Assumption & St Gregory, London, 11.30am  
Chrism Mass, Celebrant Bishop David Waller.*

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Mass. Term ends  
at St Margaret Mary School. 6.30pm  
Stations of the Cross.

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> **10.30am-11.30am Church  
servers' rehearsal before Holy  
Week, followed by refreshments.**  
5.45pm Confessions. 6.30pm Mass  
with blessing of Palms.

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> April **PALM SUNDAY.**  
9.30am Mass with blessing of Palms  
(Esther Okunbowa RIP, 15 years).  
11am Mass with blessing of Palms: we  
meet first in the school hall and  
process into church.

**Notices** \*Figures for **30/3/25** Gift  
Aid: £84, Loose: £259.83 Building  
Fund: £5; Family of Jo Brough:  
£1205 Attendance: 229

*\*Building Fund envelopes are available to all those  
who wish to support St Margaret Mary Church  
ongoing maintenance.*

*\*For those who give through the  
envelope scheme, your envelopes are  
at the back of church.*

*\*For those receiving the sacraments at  
the Easter Vigil, there is a rehearsal  
on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm, with  
confessions running from 5pm.*

*\*Sign up sheets for the watch and for  
foot-washing are now at the back of  
church.*

*\* This year's Ordinariate  
Festival, *All my Hope*, is being hosted by the  
Coventry Mission at The Precious Blood  
and All Souls Coventry, **Tuesday 20th -  
Thursday 22nd May 2025.** Our speaker  
this year is Fr David Butler, priest hermit of  
the Ordinariate, who will offer several  
reflections on the theme of Hope. Bishop  
David Waller will be present throughout.  
Book your place soon either by  
emailing [paul.burch@ordinariate.org.uk](mailto:paul.burch@ordinariate.org.uk)  
There is a modest booking fee of £30 per  
participant, to cover food and drink.*

*\*St Chad's Sanctuary desperately needs food  
items as stocks are low. Can you please  
respond during this second part of Lent?  
Donations of food or cash to buy food,  
please give via Treasurer or Fr Simon.*

*\*Easter Raffle tickets are being sold in aid of  
our building fund, £1 a strip.*

*\* The portal podcast is available on:  
[https://soundcloud.com/ordinariateportalp  
odcast](https://soundcloud.com/ordinariateportalpodcast)*

*\* Pope Francis Apostleship of Prayer for  
April: **For the use of the new  
technologies** *Let us pray that the use of the new  
technologies will not replace human relationships,  
will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us  
face the crises of our times.**

*\*The Requiem Mass for William Shanahan  
will be on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 12 Noon.*

\*A tree will be planted in memory of Elaine Cummins RIP on Saturday, 26 April at 11am. All welcome.

\*Christian Bernal is running the Great Birmingham Run on 4th May to raise funds for St Margaret Mary SVP (QR code below to donate). Please sponsor him if you can. Thank you. The next SVP meeting will be on Friday 4th April at 5pm. All welcome.



\*A parish 'African Mass' will be celebrated on Easter II, Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April at 11am. If you would like to join the choir, please contact Amaka Aninweze on 07823 757513 [amakab4u@yahoo.com](mailto:amakab4u@yahoo.com) or Virginia Okeke our African pastoral representative and is on 07882233185

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025 at ST MARGARET MARY PARISH**

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm Vigil Mass with blessing of palms**

**PALM SUNDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am Mass & 11am Mass with blessing of palms.**

**Maundy Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, FOOT WASHING AND PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE, WATCH OVERNIGHT.**

**Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30am Ecumenical Walk of Witness in Erdington town centre, meet at Oikos Café.**

**2pm Stations of the Cross;  
3pm DIVINE LITURGY.**

**Holy Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 11am 'Świecenie potraw Wielkanocnych' - the Polish Tradition of the blessing of baskets. All welcome.**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 8.30pm EASTER VIGIL, BLESSING OF THE EASTER FIRE, THE PASCHAL CANDLE, THE FONT AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISM AND FIRST COMMUNION OF EASTER.**

**EASTER DAY, 20<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am and 11am MASS**

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\* **Jubilee Year Pilgrimage** to St John Henry Newman's Littlemore College and Chapel is on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. Details to follow.

\***Sycamore Course 2025** Meetings take place in the Newman Gallery in Church (upstairs) on Wednesdays at 5.30pm – 6.30pm. 9/4 The Light of Christ

**Summer term**

30 April The existence of God

7 May A God who speaks

14 May Who is Jesus?

**Half term**

4 June The Holy Spirit and the Church

11 June The Holy Bible

18 June Gift of Faith

25 June Baptism and the Sacraments

2 July The power of Prayer

16 July Forgiveness, healing and mission

**\*Prayers for the departed:**

Sinead Sullivan, Jan Miguel, Brian Crawford, Jo Brough, Freda Simpson, Raymond Griffiths, Patricia Charles, Mary Veronica Rodgers, George Aideyan, Stephen Ferns, Philip Goodfellow, Peter Doyle, Noreen Kenny, Maureen Dargan, Bernadette Glasgow, Salina Agnes Lo, William Morrison, Mary Watters, Philip Charman, Fr Francis Dickinson, Roy Durrant, William Shanahan, Kathleen Davies, Mary Josephine Jones, Sheila Wyatt, Christine

Spencer, Janina Gorlewska, Bogdan Maliszewski, Paul Gerard McDermott, Seamus Crowley, Roman Rudko, Fr Walter Nyatsanza, Doris Nolan RIP

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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 Rep is Renata Olkowska.

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Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or

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

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\*A 28 day notice has been posted in the porch regarding plans for our new extension. You have a right to comment or object by writing to

[dcn.paul.oconnor@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.paul.oconnor@rcaob.org.uk) or *The Executive Secretary, Art and Architecture*

*Committee, St George's Presbytery, 2 Sansome Place, Worcester, WR1*

1UG. <https://www.catholic-historicchurches.org.uk/applications/birmingham-30-2025-1>



### Further notices

\*Prayer Vigil for Life: Join the Candlelight Peaceful Prayer Vigil for Life organised by March for Life UK at 7pm on Sunday, 27th April. This event will be held in Victoria Square, Birmingham to remember the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. No need to bring posters or candles. For more information go to: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk>