

St Margaret Mary Church, Birmingham
Palm Sunday



Saturday, 12th April, 2025 at 6.30pm
Sunday, 13th April, 9.30am

Please collect your palms before mass begins

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Priest: Dear brothers and sisters, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole church this beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to

say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

The palms are blessed:

Almighty ever-living God, sanctify ✠ these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

The palms are sprinkled with Holy Water

Gospel Reading Luke 19.28-40

The Lord be with you

All: And with your Spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord

After the Gospel Reading

The gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who live and reigns

with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings:

First reading: Isaiah 50.4-7 *I hid not my face from disgrace.*

Psalm response: ***My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

Second reading: Philippians 2.6-11 *He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.*

Gospel acclamation: *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God*

In place of the Gospel and Sermon, we listen to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke . **If you find this too long to stand please feel free to sit.**

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.

Offertory hymn

1 My song is love unknown—
my Saviour's love to me;
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

2 He came from His blest throne
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need His life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew His way,
and His sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for His death they thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run;
He gave the blind their sight.

Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away.
A murderer they save;
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He to suff'ring goes,
that He His foes from thence might free.

6 In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home;
but mine the tomb wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Prayer over the gifts: Through the
Passion of your only Begotten Son, O
Lord, may our reconciliation with you be
near at hand, so that, though we do not
merit it by our own deeds, yet by this
sacrifice made one for all, we may feel
already the effects of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

Preface

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.

(Please Kneel)

Eucharistic Prayer

The Mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your death O Lord,
and profess your resurrection, until you
come again.**

The Communion Rite: (Please Stand)

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom
come, thy will be done on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass against
us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us Lord...

As we await the blessed hope and the
coming of our saviour Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your
Apostles...
Who live and reign forever and ever.

Amen

The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

All: And with your Spirit.

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

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the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.**

(Please kneel)

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the
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.**

Please come forward to receive
Communion or to receive a blessing. If
you wish to receive a blessing please
come forward with your arms crossed
on your chest.

*Communion antiphon: Father, if this
chalice cannot pass without my drinking
it, your will be done.*

Prayer after communion: Nourished
with these sacred gifts, we humbly
beseech you, O Lord, that, just as

through the death of your Son you have
brought us to hope for what we believe,
so by his Resurrection you may lead us
to where you call. Through Christ our
Lord.

Notices * Figures for 6/4/25:

Attendance: 251.

**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.*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025 at ST MARGARET MARY PARISH

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

Sun 13th 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.

Monday (14th) in Holy Week. 7.30am
Mass. 7pm Newman Gallery
(refreshments from 6.45pm) FINAL LENT
TALKS: NICENE CREED 1700
ANNIVERSARY – Crucified under Pontius
Pilate. Talk by Fr Simon Ellis

Tuesday (15th) in Holy Week. 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass. 12 Noon Requiem Mass for William Shanahan RIP. 5pm Confessions. 6pm Rehearsal for those receiving the sacraments at Easter.

EASTER DAY, 20th April 9.30am Mass (*Mass intention: Michael Kelly RIP*) and **11am Mass** (*Mass intention: Vincent Byrne Snr RIP, 21 years*)

Wednesday (16th) in Holy Week. 8.35am Adoration and Benediction. 9.15am Mass. *11.30am Chrism Mass in St Chad's Cathedral.*

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

Maundy Thursday, 17th April, 7.30pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, FOOT WASHING AND PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE, WATCH OVERNIGHT. (*Mass intention, Sinead Sullivan RIP, & Mairead and Molly-Ava, her daughters*)

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

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

*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 or Virginia Okeke our African pastoral representative and is on 07882233185

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

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

19th April 8.30pm EASTER VIGIL, BLESSING OF THE EASTER FIRE, THE PASCHAL CANDLE, THE FONT AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISM AND FIRST COMMUNION OF EASTER. (*Mass intention: Maria Agendia RIP*)

* 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

There is a modest booking fee of £30 per participant, to cover food and drink.

www.ordinariate.org.uk/ordinariate-festival

To donate, go to: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/13399>

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

***Sycamore Course 2025** Meetings take place in the Newman Gallery in Church (upstairs) on Wednesdays at 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

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

*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://youtu.be/J3I7-0BHp4>

* 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.*

*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. All welcome.



*Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2025

An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on **Saturday 3rd May at 12 Noon**, followed by light refreshments. Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass to confirm your attendance by 13th April.

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*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 57th 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>

***WeBelieve, 25th-28th July 2025**, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of **St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield**. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webeliefestival.com

*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 or *The Executive Secretary, Art and Architecture Committee, St George's Presbytery, 2 Sansome Place, Worcester,*

***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, Alekuty Joseph 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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