



**Welcome**  
**St Margaret Mary Church**  
**Birmingham**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7<sup>th</sup> September, 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

Gloria in excelsis. Glory to God in  
the highest, and on earth peace to  
people of good will. We praise you,  
we bless you, we adore you, we glorify  
you, we give you thanks for your great  
glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O  
God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father, you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us, you take  
away the sins of the world, receive  
our prayer, you are seated at the right  
hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you  
alone are the Lord, you alone are the  
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the  
Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the  
Father. Amen.

**First reading: Wisdom 9.13-18b.**

*Who can discern what the Lord wills?*

**Psalm Response:** *O Lord, you have  
been our refuge from generation to generation.*

**Second reading: Philemon 9b -  
10, 12-17** *Paul appeals to Philemon to  
take Onesimus back as a brother, rather  
than a slave.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Please stand*



*Let your face shine forth on your servant,  
and teach me your decrees.*

**The Gospel:** **Luke 14.25-33.** *The cost of discipleship.*

## 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 – 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.**

## Dismissal

**Priest:** Go forth in peace.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**THIS WEEK** Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup>  
*March for Life in London.* 5.45-6.20pm  
Confessions. 6.30pm Mass

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. 9.30am Mass (Maureen Whyte RIP). 11am Mass. 1pm Minibus departs for Harvington Hall Pilgrimage. Bring your own chair and lunch! Confessions from 1.45pm, Mass at 3pm. *Blessed Carlo Acutis will be declared by Pope Leo to be a Saint on 7<sup>th</sup> September.*

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> **THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.** 7.30am Mass (Souls in purgatory)

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> St Peter Claver. 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (Souls in Purgatory). 11am Requiem Mass for Violet Holland RIP. 5.45pm Youth club trip to Sutton Park.

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> 8.35am Adoration. 9.15am Mass (Souls in purgatory). 5.30pm Sycamore course.

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Name of Mary. 9.15am Mass (Tomas Krejci, forthcoming ordination to the Priesthood - Ordinariate).

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> 5.45-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm Mass

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS** 9.30am Mass (Alec Grant & Owen Faulkner RIP). 11am Mass. Education Sunday. *2nd Collection, Catholic Education Service.*

**Notices:** \* Figures for 31/8/2025  
Gift Aid: £85, Loose: £278.93,  
Building Fund £17. Attendance: 163

\***Quarterly magazine** available today, together with the **Annual Report for 2024.** Suggested donation 30p.

### **\* Sycamore Course Autumn 2025**

Meetings take place in the Newman Gallery in Church (upstairs) on Wednesdays at 5.30pm – 6.30pm. We restart in September, with these dates:

**10/9/24 Creation, fall, salvation**

**1/10 Who is Jesus?**

**8/10, The Holy Spirit and the Church**

**15/10 The Bible**

**22/10 The Community of the Church**

***Half term***

**5/11 Power of Prayer**

**19/11 Finding Freedom**

**3/12 The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation**

**10/12 The Mass**

**17/12 The social teaching of the Church**

\*Praying with Pope Leo, Apostleship of Prayer for September: *For our relationship with all of creation Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.*

\*Thanks go to all those who helped make the Festival of Fun at Witton Lakes such a great day last weekend, we had over 500 attendees!

\*Certificate of Catholic Practice for entrance into oversubscribed Catholic Schools – this is only issued for children who have attended mass (in any Catholic parish) regularly over the past five years. Fr Simon will not be making the system unworkable by issuing certificates for those who do not qualify for such a certificate! We have, again, written to St Margaret Mary School parents of early years to give due warning/encouragement!

\* Ordinariate podcast available on:  
<https://youtu.be/U1uxLHJHKjk>

**\*New Heights Community Project Vacancy – Volunteer and Activities Coordinator** New Heights is looking for a passionate and organised Volunteer and Activities Co-ordinator to join our team. If you're excited about supporting community activities, events and working with volunteers, we'd love to hear from you! Application Deadline: 12th September 2025. For more information and to apply, please email: [enquiries@newheights.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@newheights.org.uk) or call: 0121 386 4345

**\*Prayers for the departed:**

Doris Nolan, Alekuty Joseph, Svetlana Ben'kalovich, Les Gutteridge, Pope Francis, Tim Kelly, Peter Handley, Waldemar Kus, Fr Ronald Cosslett, Hugh Smith, Esohe Udoffe Brown, Ronald Crane, Catherine Compagno, Andrew Wenner, Rose Ryan, Andrew Boateng, Donna Milnes, Jason Selwood, Peter Hevican, Gerry Brady, Rt Rev Hewlett Thompson, Nichola Vizzard, Fr Keith Robinson, Fr David Mawson, Katharine Ryan, Norman Bacon, Paul Mozeley, Anthony Whelan, Graham Mason, Fr Matteo Balzano, Deacon Adrian Davies, Sr Emmanuella, Michael Maughan, Ann Thynne, James McKeever, Carol Green, Anthony O'Reilly, Patricia Harvey, Fr Michael Hart, Jimmy McCrossan, Philomena Birnie, Callum Partridge, Amanda Farragher, Fr Paul Johnson, Agnes Pirie, Rhoda Kalema, Czarek Kuprewicz, Lucyna Szambir, Malita Vickers, Violet Holland, Dominic Boyd

Requiescant in pace

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Working in a cluster with the Ordinariate of  
Our Lady of Walsingham  
Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale and  
Christ the King, Kingstanding.



## ORDINARIATE JUBILEE ROME PILGRIMAGE 8-10 Oct 2025

*The Jubilee Pilgrimage of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, led by Bishop David Waller, will take place in Rome on 8-10 October 2025. This includes the Feast of our Patron, St John Henry Newman, with Mass celebrated in Newman's own titular Church of San Giorgio in Velabro. Participation in all or any of the pilgrimage ceremonies is free (except for the tour of the catacombs). Pilgrims will organize their own transport to (and around) Rome and arrange their own accommodation.*

### PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE

#### WED 8 OCTOBER

- 5pm Welcome of foot pilgrims by Bishop David Waller
- 5.30pm Solemn Evensong  
Venerable English College

#### THU 9 OCTOBER

##### FEAST OF ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

- 10am Solemn Mass  
Church of San Giorgio in Velabro
- 1pm Procession along Via della Conciliazione to St Peter's Basilica, Veneration of relics of St Peter, enter through Holy Door

#### FRI 10 OCTOBER

- 9.40am meet at Catacomb of Callistus for
- 10am tour, concluding with Mass followed by optional walk to Basilica of St John Lateran

To register an interest in participating, and to be kept informed of an optional informal dinner, and other arrangements in Rome, please scan the QR code or visit: <https://forms.gle/wkaqCeB7oFD2gxu87>

