



**St Margaret Mary,
Birmingham**

ADVENT I

Year B

29th November, 2020

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.

First reading: Isaiah 63. 16-17,
64.1, 3-8 *You are the potter, Lord,
and we are the clay.*

Psalm response: *God of hosts,
bring us back; let your face shine on
us and we shall be saved.*

Second reading: 1 Corinthians
1.3-9 *God will keep you steady until
the last day.*

*Gospel acclamation: Let us see, O
Lord, your mercy and give us your
saving help.*

Gospel: Mark 13.33-37 *The Lord
will come unexpectedly, so stay
awake.*

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 God 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

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

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 from 22/11/2020: Gift Aid: £55; Loose: £151.73, Rainbow Suite Birmingham Children's Hospital: £115 (Collection in memory of Baby Shai Williams RIP).

* *Sycamore* is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. Everyone is welcome. Fr Simon will be trailing this course soon. If you would like to try and introductory evening during Advent, please contact him on 07985 753391.

* If you think you know somebody or a family who would benefit from a delivery of a food hamper before Christmas, please would you inform us now.

*Virtual Advent Retreat open to all, 11-5pm, entitled '*Four Candles*', to book, email Antonia Lynn on: antonia.lynn@lcsd.org.uk This day is organised by the Ordinariate, but is offered to all.

**Walk with me* Advent prayer books available now. Suggested donation, £1. If you want one posting, please let Fr Simon know.

* St Chad's Sanctuary need: 1) Umbrellas 2) Men's trainers and 3) Girls' clothes (aged 4-5)

* Pre-Christmas piety sale includes rosaries, 2021 calendars and Advent calendars: please let John Kearney know on 07738 715140

* We are building a large **outdoor crib** this year, whether or not there are further restrictions on mass. Further details to follow. We will try and raise some funds for the Fr Hudson society. Every child who visits the crib will be given a Christmas sticker!

* Many thanks to our fantastic **stewards** who are helping to keep church open and to our **buddies** who are keeping in touch with elderly or vulnerable members. Please remember our **foodbank** is open throughout this lockdown. Please phone Carmel Dowdall on 07943 577638 if you have foodbank enquiries.

* Many thanks to the Jenkinson family for their generous donation to church, to cover the money raised for Josh Jenkinson's Lourdes trip, which was called off, owing to the pandemic.

* If you give by Gift Aid and you would like your gift aid figures for your tax returns, please speak to Terry Brown (Treasurer) on 07969 978007 or Tezza_b@hotmail.co.uk

* www.portal.mag.uk is now out for November.

* The Archdiocese magazine, the Spwer, is available from the back of church. Please let us know if are isolating and would like a copy.

* Pope Francis' prayer for December: *We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.*

* What is 'Pause'? Open access emotional health and wellbeing service for:

- Children & young people under 25 years old who have a Birmingham GP,
- Parents/carers of children & young people under 25 years old who have a Birmingham GP.

What can Pause help with?

- **anything** relating to emotional wellbeing, your feelings and how to manage them.

<https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause>

* **Government Consultation on Faith Engagement**

Individual Catholics have been asked to respond (by 11 December) to the following open consultation on the way Government engages with faith

communities. The link to the online submission is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence>

* Giving by standing order is through our Bank, NatWest, Sort Code 60-08-02, Account Number 14403749. Account: *Archdiocese of Bham St Margaret Mary.*

***Prayers for the departed:**

Michael James Francis McGreene, Margaret Lemathy, Kathleen Donnelly, Claire Duffy, Jacob Billington, Frances Raczka, Doreen Nevitt, George O'Sullivan, Hilda O'Sullivan, Clare Duffy, Martin Hegney, George Compagno, Gladys Wakefield, Francis (Frank) Cleland, Sonia Pike, Sandra Ware, Joan Gilbert, Carmel Mahon, Colin Niblett, Gina Tovey, Baby Shai Williams, Arthur Wills, Rev Andrew Wilson, Jaisamma Abraham, James Dargan, Carol Hill, Paddy Joyce, Fr Alan Griffin, Beverley Cooper RIP

THIS WEEK Saturday, 28th Mass (Agnes Smart RIP)

Sun 29th November **ADVENT 1.** Mass (Pro populo)

Monday, 30th **ST ANDREW** Mass (Deceased family of Sarah Lee).

Tuesday, 1st December. St Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr. Mass (Christopher Leadbetter RIP).

Wednesday, 2nd **LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS END, MASS**

RESTARTS 8.35am Adoration.
9.15am Mass (Fr Alan Griffin RIP).

Thursday, 3rd St Francis Xavier

Friday 4th 9.15am Mass St John Damascene (Joseph Derry RIP)

Saturday, 5th Advent Retreat open to all, 11-5pm, entitled '*Four Candles*', to book, email Antonia Lynn on: antonia.lynn@lcsd.org.uk
6.30pm Mass for Advent II (Anne Seery RIP).

Sun 29th November **ADVENT II.**
9.30am Mass (Pro populo). 11am Mass (Dominic Terence Hollywood and Olive Veronica Hollywood RIP).
Second collection for poor parishes (you can also give via:

<https://www.mygiving.online/appdonation/DonateNow/197597ae-b53e-430f-be0a-a78281e94aa8>)

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

What will we be able to do in each Local Restriction Tier?

Activity	Medium (Tier 1)	High (Tier 2)	Very High (Tier 3)
Opening Places of Worship for communal prayer	Open for as many people as can be safely accommodated with social distancing measures		
Attending Places of Worship for communal prayer	Can attend and interact in groups of up to 6 people from different households	Can only interact indoors with your own households, but outdoors can interact in groups of up to 6	Can only interact with your own household both indoors and outdoors
Wedding Ceremonies	Can take place with up to 15 attendees, all of whom can interact.		
Wedding Receptions	Can take place with up to 15 attendees, all of whom can interact	Can take place with up to 15 attendees, all of whom can interact	Cannot take place
Funerals	Can take place with up to 30 attendees, all of whom can interact		
Commemorative events post-death	Can take place with up to 15 attendees, all of whom can interact		
Other Standalone Life-Cycle Ceremonies – that do not take place as a part of communal worship	Can attend and interact in groups of up to 6 people from different households	Can only interact indoors with your own households, but outdoors can interact in groups of up to 6	Can only interact with your own household both indoors and outdoors
Supervised Activities for Children (including Sunday schools, madrassas etc.)	Can take place with no limit on the number of children permitted to attend, following COVID-Secure guidance. Adults must ensure social distancing at all times.		

N.B. Wherever interaction can take place, social distancing of 1m+ should still be strictly maintained between anyone who doesn't live together or are in a 'support bubble'