



**St Margaret Mary,  
Birmingham  
ADVENT III  
12<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**

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.**

Light the Advent candle one,  
Now the waiting has begun.  
All God's people wait in hope  
For the coming of our Lord.

*Candle, candle burning bright  
Shining in the cold winter night.  
Candle, candle burning bright,  
Fill our hearts with Advent joy.*

2. Light the Advent candle two  
For God's prophets who are called  
To be faithful to His word,  
In a world of sin and shame.  
*Candle, candle....*

3. Light the Advent candle three  
For the one who points to Christ,  
John the Baptist who declared

Christ the Lamb of God, behold.

*Candle, candle...*

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.**

Kyrie Eleison

**First reading:** Zephaniah 3.14-18  
*The Lord is in your midst.*

**Psalm response:** *Sing and shout for  
joy for great in your midst is the  
Holy One of Israel.*

**Second reading:** Philippians 4.4-7  
*The Lord is very near.*

Gospel acclamation: *The spirit of  
the Lord has been given to me. He  
has sent me to bring good news to  
the poor.*

**Gospel:** Luke 3.10-18 *Someone is coming who is more powerful than John is...he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

## 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.

**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.**

**Dismissal:** Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**Notices** \* Figures for 5/12/2021:  
Loose: £192; Gift Aid £77 ; 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Collection Poor Parishes £80.15;  
Attendance: 170 .

\* Deanery Advent Penitential Services:

Holy Trinity – Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
December 2021 – 7.00pm  
Holy Cross – Monday 20<sup>th</sup>  
December 2021 – 7.30pm  
Abbey/St M&J's – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
December 2021 – 7.00pm

St Nicholas – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
December 2021 – 7.00pm

\* **Crib and Christmas Tree**

**decorating** is on 21<sup>st</sup> December after the 9.15am Mass. **Church cleaning** for Christmas is after the mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

\* Pope Francis Apostleship of Prayer for December: *Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

\* Our Crib appeal again this year is for Fr Hudson Society. Please give generously.

\* Our Quarterly Magazine is now out, suggested donation 50p.

\* The Statue of St Bernadette is being renovated at this moment. Many thanks for your patience, and many thanks to Mrs Logue for the gift of the newly restored statue and for Sister Miriam for her work of restoration.

\* Will you sign the petition "*Support the Amess Amendment*" to help enable Catholic priests and other ministers to offer Last Rites and other prayers for the dying (as did *not* happen in the case of Sir David Amess, whose priest was denied access). The goal is to reach 20,000

signatures. You can read more and sign the petition here:

[https://citizengo.org/en/node/204957?utm\\_source=em&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_content=tyflow&utm\\_campaign=](https://citizengo.org/en/node/204957?utm_source=em&utm_medium=social&utm_content=tyflow&utm_campaign=)

\*The Archdiocese Magazine, *The Sower*, is available at the back of church and

electronically: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>.

\* [www.portal.mag.uk](http://www.portal.mag.uk) is out for December. There is now a weekly podcast available on:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-666404058>

\* Sycamore dates for 2022 are for meetings in the Newman Gallery at 7pm:

19/1; 26/1; 2/2; 9/2; 2/3  
9/3; 16/3; 23/3; 6/4.

\* **Our foodbank:** Many thanks for your donations. We now need bread and milk, baked beans, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauces, biscuits and items for Christmas hampers, e.g. coffee, tea and chocolates. Carmel Dowdall is on 07943 577638.

\***Prayers for the departed:**

Anthony Hobbs, Lilian Beveridge, William Morrison, Bridget Skellum, Bill Welch,

Baby Lyla Joanne Wesley, Alphonse Diouf, Sir David Amess, David Magson, Marjorie Derbyshire, Jane Barnes, John Glasgow, Brett Wheeler, Evelyn Hogan, Erin Male, Iciline Dawkins, Jean McDougall, Clare Lees, James Nash, Penny Holbrook, Frank McGinty, Mario Ramario, Mary (Margaret) Fleming, Theresa O'Donnell, John McGillen, John Hunter, Catherine Flynn, Vivian William D'Caccia, James Conway.

**THIS WEEK** Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> 5.45pm Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Anne Ellis RIP).

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> **ADVENT III** Gaudete Sunday. 9.30am Mass (James Conway RIP). 11am Mass.

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec St Lucy 6.30pm Adoration and Benediction. 7pm Mass (Theresa O'Donnell RIP)

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> St John of the Cross. 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass.

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. 8.35am Adoration. 9.15am Mass. 12.30pm Funeral Requiem Mass for John Hunter RIP.

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Mass (James Nash RIP).

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> 5.45pm Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Mary Doody and family).

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> **ADVENT IV** 9.30am Mass. 11am Mass.

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**CHRISTMAS AT ST MARGARET  
MARY CHURCH  
59 Perry Common Road  
BIRMINGHAM**

**Friday 24 December CHRISTMAS  
EVE**

**4pm Mass** oriented to children and families.

**11.30pm Midnight Mass**

**Saturday 25 December CHRISTMAS  
DAY**

**9.30am Mass** and blessing of the crib

**11am Mass (Divine Worship)**

No evening Mass

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> December THE HOLY  
FAMILY**

**9.30am Mass and 11am Mass**