



**St Margaret Mary,
Birmingham
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8th January 2023**

*Readings are on p.118 of the yellow books
available from the back of church.*

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.

Kyrie Eleison

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.

Collect

First reading: Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7.

*Here is my servant, in whom my soul
delights.*

Psalm Response: *The Lord will bless
his people with peace.*

Second reading: Acts 10.34-38.

*God had anointed Jesus with the Holy
Spirit.*

**Gospel Acclamation: (Please
stand):** *The heavens opened and the*

Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

The Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17.

Jesus is baptised in the river Jordan by John the Baptist.

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

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.

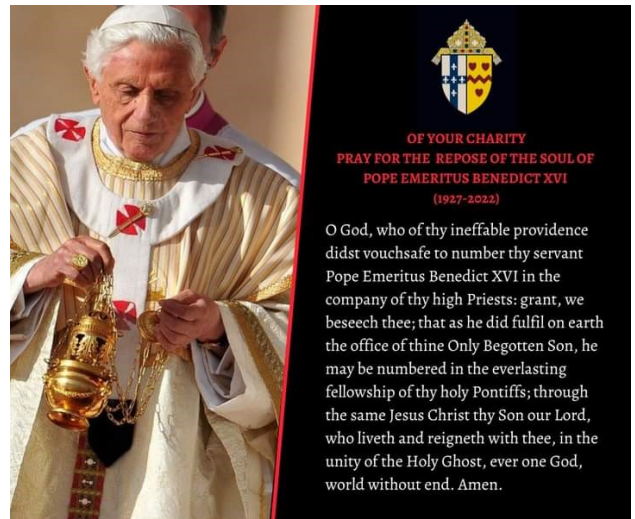
Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper of the Lamb. All: **Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Dismissal: Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Notices * Figures for 1/1/2023, Gift Aid: £153; Loose: £172.75; Friends of the Holy Land £160.36 (cumulative). Attendance: 188

**Please pray for the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict xvi.
Requiescat in pace**



**OF YOUR CHARITY
PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI
(1927-2022)**

O God, who of thy ineffable providence didst vouchsafe to number thy servant Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in the company of thy high Priests: grant, we beseech thee; that as he did fulfil on earth the office of thine Only Begotten Son, he may be numbered in the everlasting fellowship of thy holy Pontiffs; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing your home with Epiphany chalk

Using the blessed chalk (available on 6th January) mark the lintel of your front door as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 23

while saying: The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty three years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

*** Our Christmas Crib Appeal this year:** Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) help the most deprived Christian families, especially those living around Bethlehem, in Gaza, Israel and Jordan. You can also purchase raffle tickets in aid of FHL at £1 a strip from Lisa Parkes.

* The Portal magazine portalmag.co.uk is out on 1 January: <https://soundcloud.com/user-666404058>

*** Sycamore course for 2023:**

11 January THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
18 Jan CREATION & FALL
25 Jan THE CHURCH
1 Feb SACRAMENTS
8 Feb HOLY EUCHARIST
15 Feb SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

HALF TERM

1 Mar THE HOLY BIBLE
8 Mar POWER OF PRAYER

15 Mar TRUE FREEDOM

22 Mar WHAT IS LOVE?

* **Our foodbank:** Carmel Dowdall is on 07943 577638.

***UKRAINIAN APPEAL**

For help to families in Ukraine facing a harsh winter, please think of donating to the Winter Appeal: The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week will cost approximately £16. Each package will contain the basics (grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish preserves, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, tea, coffee, biscuits etc.). Help Ukraine Emergency Appeal, A/C No 20927317, Sort Code: 20-92-60. A letter is available to accompany this appeal which will be sent out electronically, but is also available as a hard copy.

*AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED REPORT - PERSECUTED AND FORGOTTEN? A REPORT ON CHRISTIANS OPPRESSED FOR THEIR FAITH 2020-22 Christians suffer human rights violations in more countries than any other faith group – around the world they are at ever-increasing risk of harassment, arrest and violence. For more information visit ACN's website: www.acnuk.org. END

*From Fr Matthias Nsamba, *Friends of Christ the Healer*, working in the townships of South Africa. Bank details: Account Name 'Friends of Christ the Healer UK'. Account Number: 63492524. Barclays Bank. Sort Code: 20-84-13. Further details Gez Brennan 079415 82805.

*Sponsorship for our Treasurer, Terry Brown's pilgrimage walk from Tui to Santiago de Compostela, a distance of 75 miles. Can put aside 10p a week 27th November to the 21st May which is £2.50 in total. If every person could do that we would raise £500.

***Prayers for the departed:**

Mary Mbah, John O'Reilly, Ellecia Margaret Shepherd, Fr Stanley Bennie, Jon Bailey, Fr Ian Ker, Antonina Usowicz, Margaret Mary Rose, Stephen McInerney, Mary Neal, Collette Blekinsopp, Nancy Ivers, Noel Bullock, Emily Judge, Margaret Bennett, Patrick Finnerty, Chris Lane, Kevin Ritchie, Francis Donnelly, Mark Fahy, John Connor, Fr Mike Cain, Carlos Beckford, Claudette Phillips, William Charles Edwin Chew, Mick Lawrence, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI RIP.

THIS WEEK Saturday, 7th
6.30pm Vigil Mass (Francis Bernard Cooper RIP).

Sunday, 8th **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.** 9.30am (Mary June Banbury). 11am (Sheila Gannon).
The draw for the Raffle in aid of the Friends of the Holy Land will be held after mass. 2nd Retiring Collection: White Flower Appeal (c/o Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child).

Monday, 9th 1st Week in Ordinary Time. 9.30am Mass at *The Convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 99 Old Oscott Hill, Kingstanding.* 6.30pm Adoration & Benediction. 7pm Mass (Francis Donnelly RIP).

Tuesday, 10th 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (Fr Mike Cain RIP). 11am

Funeral of John Connor RIP. 7pm Youth Club meets in the Newman Gallery.

Wednesday, 11th 8.35am Adoration and Benediction. 9.15am Mass (Blanche Phillips). 6pm Sycamore Course meets in the Newman Gallery.

Friday, 13th 9.15am Mass (Chinenye Ikwuanusi and family).

Saturday, 14th 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Rosealeen Masterson RIP).

Sunday, 15th The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. 9.30am Mass (Kathleen Gunn RIP). 11am (Sadie Shortall RIP, 1st Anniversary). 2nd *Collection for Pax Christi.*

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