



**St Margaret Mary,
Birmingham**

ADVENT I

3rd December 2023

**Family Mass with focus on
Y3 and Y6**

*If you need detailed readings they are on p.
82 of the books available from the back of
church.*

Advent Candle song

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.*

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. Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie, eleison.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have
mercy. Christe, eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie, eleison.

**First reading: Isaiah 63.16-17,
64.1, 3-8.** *O that you would tear the
heavens open and come down*

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.** *We are waiting for our Lord Jesus
Christ to be revealed.*

**Gospel Acclamation: (Please
stand):** *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.*

The Gospel: Mark 13.33-37. *Jesus says, be on your guard, 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 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

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
Fruits of labour, fruits of love;
Taken, offered, sanctified,
Blessed and broken; words of one who died;
"Take my body; take my saving blood"
Gifts of bread and wine. Christ our lord.

Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
As he promised while on earth:
"I am with you for all time,

I am with you in this bread and wine.
Take my body, take my saving blood."

Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.

Through the Father, with the Spirit.
One in union with the Son,
For God's people, joined in prayer
Faith is strengthened by the food we share.

"Take my body, take my saving blood"

Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.

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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again

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.

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.**

Communion song

He brings us to his banqueting table and his banner over me is love.

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His banner over me is love.

He feeds me at his banqueting table and his banner over me is love.

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He feeds me at his banqueting table and his banner over me is love.

His banner over me is love.

He built his church on a firm foundation and his banner over me is love.

He built his church on a firm foundation and his banner over me is love.

He built his church on a firm foundation and his banner over me is love.

His banner over me is love.

Recessional

Awake, Awake, for the Lord is coming;

Awake Awake, there's no time to sleep;

Awake, Awake, for the Lord is coming;

The King is coming in glory.

All over the world, people are waiting, Waiting for love and the promise of new life

All over the world, people are working,

Working for peace and the promise of new life

Notices * Figures for 26/11/23, Gift Aid: £86, Loose: £240.39, 2nd Collection, Catholic Youth Service: £101.92 Attendance: 211

* Pope Francis' Apostleship of Prayer for December: *For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.*

***Stop the 14-day limit on experimenting on embryos being removed**

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) is pushing to remove the 14-day limit for experimenting on embryos, despite 97% of submissions from the general public to their consultation objecting to these plans.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP asking them to oppose a change

to legislation that, if passed, would pave the way for the removal of the 14-day limit. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/14days to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

***Sycamore Course 2024**

Meetings take place in the Newman Gallery in Church (upstairs) on Wednesdays at 6pm - 7pm.

We restart in January, with these dates:

- 10/1/24, the search for happiness
- 17/1, The existence of God
- 24/1, Who is Jesus?
- 31/1, Power of Prayer
- 7/2, Finding Freedom
- Half term, Lent begins on 14th Feb*
- 21/2 The Sacraments
- 28/2, Forgiveness
- 6/3, Vocations
- 20/3, The Mass

***Prayers for the departed:**

Celine Nganwuchi, Sister Mary Bernadette CHC, Michael Fahey, Annie Whelan, Ester Mutumwa, Noel Hand, Helen Thomas, Bernie Layden, John Lenehan, Stephen Jones, Fred Hall, Jason Murtagh, Christina Alice Timmins, Fr John Morley-Bunker, Pauline Cassidy, Mgr David Silk, Clare Banks, Elizabeth McKeever, Colder Graham, Fr Paul Chavasse, Cong. Orat., James Bailey, Joseph Shannon, Princes Chinwe Akigwe, Vivian Ellis, Jimmy Doyle, Martin John Leydon, Catherine Mary Jones, Edmund (Eamonn) Francis Loughran, Carine Yankam, Jacqui

Carron, Ann Babington, Andy Deane, Joan Smith RIP

THIS WEEK Saturday, 2nd
5.45pm-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Farrell family).

Sunday, 3rd December **ADVENT I**, 9.30am Family Mass – Focus on Y 3 and 6 (Ann Mills RIP). 11am Mass (Stella Spokes RIP).

Monday, 4th St John Damascene. 9.30am Mass at *The Convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 99 Old Oscott Hill, Kingstanding.* 10.45am-12.30pm Visit of Wilson Stuart School to church. 6.30pm Adoration and Benediction. 7pm Mass (Ann Babington RIP) & Padre Pio Prayer Group.

Tuesday, 5th 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (Sharon Hughes). 7pm Youth club pre-Christmas baking.

Wed, 6th St Nicholas. 8.35am Adoration and Benediction. 9.15am Mass (Michael Mahoney RIP). 6pm Sycamore.

Friday, 8th Dec. **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.** 9.15am Mass (Edwin Pope RIP). 11am Requiem Mass for Edmund Francis Loughlin RIP.

Saturday, 9th 11am Readers Rehearsal in church. 5.45pm-6.20pm

Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass
(Johanna Donellan -recovery, in
thanksgiving).

Sunday, 10th December **ADVENT
II**, 9.30am Mass (Joe Doherty RIP).
11am Mass (Jacqui Carron RIP). 2nd
Collection for the Poor Parishes Fund.

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Christ the King, Kingstanding.

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with
Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and
National and Archdiocesan policies and
procedures at all times. Our Parish
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CHRISTMAS AT ST MARGARET MARY CHURCH



Sunday, 17th December

**6pm Advent Carols with Evensong
and Benediction** and the
inauguration of our crib appeal for
the charity *Friends of the Holy Land*,
followed by refreshments and raffle.

Sat 23rd 6.30pm Vigil Mass of Advent IV

Sunday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

**10.30am Mass of Advent IV (the
only Advent IV morning mass)**
4pm Mass oriented to children and
families.

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Mass and blessing of the
crib
11am Mass (Divine Worship)

Advent Candle song

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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.....

4. Light the Advent candle four,
For Our Lady, full of grace,
She said yes to God's request
Now to Beth'lem she must haste.

Candle, candle....