



**St Margaret Mary,  
Birmingham  
ADVENT II  
The Year of Prayer  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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

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2. Light the Advent candle two  
For God's prophets who are called  
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In a world of sin and shame.

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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.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have  
mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**First reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-  
11.** *The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.*

**Psalm Response:** *Let us see, O Lord,  
your mercy, and give us your saving help.*

**Second reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14.**

*We are waiting for the new heavens and the  
new earth.*

**Gospel Acclamation: (Please  
stand):**

**The Gospel: Mark 1.1-8.** *A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord.*

## 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:** 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

**Notices** \* Figures for 3/12/23,  
Envelopes: £101.95, Loose: £379.01,  
Attendance: 201

\*The Quarterly magazine is out this weekend with a round up of events in the parish. Suggested donation : 30p.

\*Deanery Advent Penitential: 7pm on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at Erdington Abbey.

\*We shall be decorating the Christmas tree and assembling the crib on

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.30am, followed by refreshments.

\* 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.*

\*Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**\*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. Please visit: [www.righttolife.org.uk/14days](http://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.

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:**

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, Patricia Walsh, Revd David Spencer, John Hemmings RIP

**THIS WEEK** Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup>  
11am Readers Rehearsal in church.  
5.45pm-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Johanna Donellan - recovery, in thanksgiving).

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December **ADVENT II**, 9.30am Mass (Joe Doherty RIP).  
11am Mass (Jacqueline Carron RIP).  
12.15pm Baptism of Ayla-Jayne

Sweeney. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Poor  
Parishes Fund.

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Mass at The  
Convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, 99 Old Oscott Hill, Kingstanding.  
6.30pm Adoration and Benediction.  
7pm Mass (Private intention).

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of  
Guadalupe. 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am  
Mass (John Spellman RIP). 7pm  
Finance committee.

Wed, 13<sup>th</sup> St Lucy. 8.35am  
Adoration and Benediction. 9.15am  
Mass (Departed members of the  
Cooper & Sarah Pemberton RIP).

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 9.15am Mass  
(Catherine Mary Jones RIP).

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> 5.45pm-6.20pm  
Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December **ADVENT  
III**, 9.30am Mass (Catherine &  
Christopher Russell). 11am Mass  
(Patrick Kelly RIP). 12.15pm Baptism  
of Alicja Michalowska. 6pm Advent  
Evensong and Benediction by  
candlelight, followed by Presbytery  
party. Launch of our 'Friends of the  
Holy Land' Crib Appeal.

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Working in collaboration with the  
Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham &  
Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale and  
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 Safeguarding Representative is  
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can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or  
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## **CHRISTMAS AT ST MARGARET MARY CHURCH**



**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm Vigil Mass of  
Advent IV**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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)**

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For the one who points to Christ,  
John the Baptist who declared  
Christ the Lamb of God, behold.

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

Candle, candle....

