



**St Margaret Mary
Birmingham
THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD
The Year of Prayer
7th January, 2024**

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

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.

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.

First reading: **Isaiah 60.1-6.** *Arise,
Jerusalem, for your light has come.*

Psalm Response: *All nations shall fall
prostrate, before you, O Lord.*

Second reading: **Ephesians 3.2-3,
5-6.** *Pagans (Gentiles) now share the same
inheritance.*

Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand): *We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.*

The Gospel: **Matthew 2.1-12.** *The visit of the Magi to the infant king.*

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 hymn: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his Name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,

and comfort thy sorrows, and answer
thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee
be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the
slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst
reckon as thine;
for truth in its beauty, and love in its
tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his
shrine.

These, though we bring them in
trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the Name that is
dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of
tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for
our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness!
bow down before him, his glory
proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense
of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his
Name!

Blessing of Epiphany Chalk

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:

R. The maker of heaven and earth.

V. The Lord shall watch over your
going out and your coming in:

**R. From this time forth for
evermore.**

Let us pray.

Loving God, bless this chalk which
you have created, that it may be
helpful to your people; and grant that
through the invocation of your most
Holy Name that we who use it in faith
to write upon the door of our home
the names of your holy ones Caspar,
Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive
health of body and protection of soul
for all who dwell in or visit our home;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the
lintel of your front door as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 24

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

Notices * Figures for 31/12/23,
Envelopes: £156, Loose: £252.20,
Attendance 196. Friends of the
Holy Land total: £557.67.

***Parish Cluster:** The Parishes of
Christ the King, Our Lady of the
Assumption and St Margaret Mary
have been grouped together in a
single Cluster. Deacon Gary O'Brien
has been asked by our Dean, Canon
Jonathan Vesey, to be the Cluster
Coordinator. Over the weekends of
27/28th January and 3rd/4th February,
Deacon Gary will be preaching at all

Sunday Masses within the Cluster to explain what the Cluster has the potential to become and what our immediate priorities might be.

***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:**

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, Fr Brian Gill, William Moran, Geoffrey Corbett, June Driscoll, Hugh Callaghan, George Mealy, Nikoll Paluca, Cecilia Smalley, Alan Edward McKell, Fr John Lungley, Thomas Baxter, Ian O'Hara, Jonathan Bodenham RIP

THIS WEEK Saturday, 6th
5.45pm-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm

Vigil Mass and blessing of chalk (Ann Hughes)

Sunday 7th **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.** 9.30am Mass and blessing of chalk (Padraig Woulfe RIP). 11am Mass and blessing of chalk (Lily Cooper RIP and decd members of the Cooper family). *2nd Collection: Ordinariate Clergy Families Fund.*

Monday, 8th January, **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD. Term begins.** 9.30am Mass at the Convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 99 Old Oscott Hill, B44 9SR. 6.30pm Adoration and Benediction. 7pm Mass (Mary and P J Hegarty RIP).

Tuesday, 9th 8.55 am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (George Mealy RIP).

Wed, 10th 8.35am Adoration and Benediction. 9.15am Mass (Nikoll Paluca RIP). 6pm Sycamore Course begins.

Friday, 12th 9.15am Mass (Cecilia Smalley RIP).

Saturday, 13th 5.45pm-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Linda Ibbotson RIP)

Sunday 14th Peace Sunday. The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. 9.30am Mass (Catherine and Christopher

Russell). 11am Mass (Fr John Lungley). *2nd Collection: Pax Christi.*

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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 Nicola Brown. She can be contacted at sg.margaret-mary.bham@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk