



**St Margaret Mary  
Birmingham**  
**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**  
**Sunday of the Word of God**  
**The Year of Prayer**  
**21<sup>st</sup> January, 2024**

*If you need detailed readings they are on p.  
130 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: Jonah 3.1-5, 10.**

*The people of Ninevah repent.*

**Psalm Response:** *Lord, make  
me know your ways.*

**Second reading: 1 Corinthians**

**7.29-31.** *The world as we know it is  
passing away.*

**Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand):** *The Kingdom of God is close at hand: repent and believe the Good News.*

**The Gospel: Mark 1.14-20.** *Jesus said, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*

## 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.**

## Notices

\* Figures for 14/1/24, Envelopes: £109, Loose: £212.19, Attendance 176. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection, Pax Christi: £103.39.

\*Retiring collection for the *White Flower Appeal* for the unborn this weekend, includes a petition card, if you would read and consider signing and sending to SPUC, who will

deliver the cards to the Health Secretary to urge Government to end the deadly pills-by-post DIY abortion policy.

\*Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners who raised £706.17 through their crib offerings, for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging. Please continue to remember FHL and those we support in your prayers.

\* The Portal magazine [portalmag.co.uk](http://portalmag.co.uk) is out for January. Minicast is available:

[\(https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/hddlabb4dwz35moz89qx/PortalMag-Podcast-Epiphany-2024.mp3?rlkey=kvcwm8y465ajhpr72ko7kkd2s&dl=0\)](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/hddlabb4dwz35moz89qx/PortalMag-Podcast-Epiphany-2024.mp3?rlkey=kvcwm8y465ajhpr72ko7kkd2s&dl=0)

**\*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 27/28<sup>th</sup> January and 3rd/4<sup>th</sup> 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.

\* Nora Duffy's funeral mass will be on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January at 11am. Please pray for Kevin, Terrence and Michelle and all the family.

### **\*Sycamore Course 2024**

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

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, Michael Mitchell, Nora Duffy, Fr Peter Peterken, Eva Price, Ronnie Wood, James Skejugo, James Cullen,

Frederick Farrell, Bishop Colin  
Buchanan, Allan Kettleborough RIP

## **THIS WEEK**

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon Baptism of  
Lola Ann Barr. 5.45pm-6.20pm  
Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
(Hughie Gunn RIP).

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time. 9.30am Mass  
(Michael Joseph Kelly RIP). 11am  
Mass (Ian O'Hara RIP). 2<sup>nd</sup> *Retiring  
Collection: White Flower Appeal for the  
unborn.*

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January St Vincent.  
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 (Fred Farrell  
RIP).

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 8.55 am Rosary. 9.15am  
Mass (Joan McConway RIP).

Wed, 24<sup>th</sup> St Francis de Sales.  
8.35am Adoration and Benediction.  
9.15am Mass (Deceased members of  
the Danso family). 6pm Sycamore  
Course.

*Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January: The Conversion of  
St Paul. The week of Prayer for Christian  
Unity ends.*

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> Ss Timothy and Titus  
9.15am Mass (Christian Unity).

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> 4pm Meeting with  
Deacon Gary O'Brien in the Newman  
Gallery on clustering. 5.45pm-6.20pm  
Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
(Alan Rowan RIP). Preacher:  
Deacon Gary O'Brien. *Lepra Appeal.*

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time. 9.30am Mass (The  
Danso family). *Lepra Appeal.* 11am  
Mass. 12.15pm Baptism of Alex  
Kent Anver.

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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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