



**Welcome to
St Margaret Mary Church
Birmingham
ADVENT III
Gaudete Sunday**

(Rose vestments indicate the Lord is near)

15th December, 2024

'St Margaret Mary Church, a community where God's heart speaks to our hearts, to transform us to worship, to serve the needy and to make missionary disciples of all nations'

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.*

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.

3. Light the Advent candle three
For the one who points to Christ,
John the Baptist who declared
Christ the Lamb of God, behold.

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
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

First reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a.

*The Lord will exult over you with loud
singing.*

Psalm Response: *Shout and sing for
joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One
of Israel.*

Second reading: Philippians 4.4-

7. The Lord is at hand.

Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand): *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.*

The Gospel: *Luke 3.10-18. John the Baptist will baptise with water, but Christ will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*

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 – see screen

Offertory - see screen

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, 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 **8/12/24:** Gift Aid: £110, Loose: £240.35, 2nd Collection Poor Parishes: £108.32, Attendance: 221.

* Many thanks to all who give to Missio (APF), the recent collection of red boxes raised £682.27. If you would like a red box, please speak to Mary Danso. Many thanks to Janet Coffey for her work as she steps down from the role as coordinator.

*1st Holy Communion Mass will be on Saturday, 14th June, 2025 at 11am for our school pupils. (*For those young people not in St Margaret Mary School, 1st Holy Communion will be on 15th June at 11am*)

***St Margaret Mary SVP**

Conference For the next two Sundays of Advent II and III we holding an appeal to raise funds for Christmas hampers to give to needy families in our parish. Please support our appeal by leaving a cash donation in the basket beneath the Christmas tree. St Margaret Mary SVP Mob. 07704 146930 or emailing stmargaretmary.svp@gmail.com

***Sycamore Course Autumn 2024**

Meetings take place in the Newman Gallery in Church (upstairs) on Wednesdays at 5.30pm – 6.30pm. 18/12 The Mass. In 2025 our Sycamore plan is:

- 8/1/25, The search for happiness
- 22/1, The existence of God
- 29/1, Who is Jesus?
- 5/2, Power of Prayer
- 12/2, Finding Freedom
- Half term, Lent begins on 14th Feb*
- 26/2, The Sacraments
- 19/3, Forgiveness
- 26/3, Vocations
- 2/4 The Mass
- 9/4 The Light of Christ

* Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025 in the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to come on this very special occasion in the life of the Archdiocese: **Saturday 24 – Friday 30 May 2025** www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes.

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 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, Ballintubber Abbey,

Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

***Prayers for the departed:**

Justus Aghedo, Paul Shorters, Loi Mou Yau, Margaret Lloyd, John Cook, Tom Regan, Revd John Brownsell, Thomas Poku, Mandy Lane, Margaret Mary Drewett, Grazyna Juszkiewicz, Peter Duffy, John Ryan, Michael Cregan, Paul Pascal Fitzgerald, Ralph Joseph Lloyd, Joan Hargan, Innocent Obi, Mary Keogh, Patrick Murphy, Linda Smith, Ken Hunter, Jennifer Alexander, Mary Kingdom, Margaret Rose Murtagh, Catherine Boyle, Bob Hall, Patrick McLoughlin RIP.

Two week to view: Sat, 14th
St John of the Cross. 5.45pm
Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass,
Advent III

Sunday 15th December **ADVENT III**
9.30am Mass (Eamon McGuire RIP) .
11am Mass & Holy Baptism of Chidi Iyeh. **4pm Advent Meditative Service for Our Cluster, at St Margaret Mary Church 'Praying with the Psalms'. Followed by parish party in the Presbytery.**

Monday, 16th 7.30am Mass
(Philomena McCann RIP). 10am – 3
Anointing Fire Christian Ministries.
2pm Carol Service (Year 2) in church.

Tuesday, 17th 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am
Mass (Virginia Sandall RIP).

Wed, 18th 8.35am Adoration and
Benediction. 9.15am Mass (Maria
Nkengkfae Agendia RIP). 12.30pm

Requiem Mass for Margaret Rose Murtagh RIP. 2pm Carol service (Y 5/6) in Church. 5.30pm Sycamore course in the Newman Gallery.

Friday, 20th 9.15am Mass (Private Intention). Term ends.

Sat, 21st St Peter Canisius. 10.30am Christmas Tree and Crib decorating followed by refreshments. 5.45pm Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Danny and Lisa Parkes) **Advent IV**

Sunday 22nd December **ADVENT IV**
9.30am Mass (Jonathan Bodenham RIP). 11am Mass (Anne Burns RIP).
6pm Carol Service at Christ the King Church.

Monday, 23rd December 7.30am Mass (Patrick Woulfe RIP).

Tuesday, 24th December 9.15am final mass of Advent.

Tuesday 24th December
2024 CHRISTMAS EVE
4pm Children and Family
Mass (*Maureen and Ellie Frawley*).
11.30pm Midnight Mass
(Cooper family members decd).
Inauguration of the Jubilee Year.

Wednesday 25th December
2024 CHRISTMAS DAY
9.30am Mass with the

blessing of the crib
11.00am Mass (Divine
Worship)

Thursday, 26th December **ST**
STEPHEN, *11am Mass at Christ the King Church, with altar servers from all three parishes.*

Friday, 27th **ST JOHN THE**
EVANGLIST. 9.15am Mass
(Maureen Loughan). *7.30pm Party at Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall, B44 9SP, in aid of March for Life UK, no charge, simply donate on the night!*

Sat 28th **THE HOLY INNOCENTS.**
NO EVENING MASS HERE.
6.30pm Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale.

Sun 29th **THE HOLY FAMILY.**
NO 9.30AM MASS HERE.
11.30AM Mass here (Fiona and Tom Fadian).

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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

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