



**Welcome to  
St Margaret Mary Church  
Birmingham  
ADVENT IV  
22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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.

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: Micah 5.2-5a** *From  
Bethlehem shall come forth a leader.*

**Psalm Response:** *Restore us, O God,  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

**Second reading: Hebrews 10.5-10**

*Behold I have come to do your will.*

**Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand):** *Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.*

**The Gospel: Luke 1.39-45.** *The visit(ation) of cousin Mary to Elizabeth, mothers both pregnant with child, one the saviour of the world, the other the forerunner.*

**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 **15/12/24**: Gift Aid: £103.50, Loose: £287.97, Attendance: 234

**Week to view:** Sat, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December **ADVENT IV**  
9.30am Mass (Jonathan Bodenham RIP). 11am Mass (Anne Burns RIP).  
*6pm Carol Service at Christ the King Church.*

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 7.30am  
Mass (Patrick Woulfe RIP). **11.30am-  
12.30pm Confessions before  
Christmas.**

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am final  
mass of Advent. **9.45am-10.45am  
Confessions before Christmas.**

## CHRISTMAS LITURGIES



**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> December  
2024 CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**9.30am Mass with the  
blessing of the crib**  
**11.00am Mass (Divine  
Worship)**

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> December **ST  
STEPHEN**, 11am Mass at *Christ the*

*King Church, with altar servers from all  
three parishes.*

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> **ST JOHN THE  
EVANGELIST**. 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 28<sup>th</sup> **THE HOLY INNOCENTS.**  
**NO EVENING MASS HERE.**  
(6.30pm Mass at *Our Lady of the  
Assumption, Maryvale.*)

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> **THE HOLY FAMILY.**  
**NO 9.30AM MASS HERE.** (10am  
Mass at *Christ the King*) **11.30AM Mass  
here** (Fiona and Tom Fadian).

### Further notices

\* Many thanks to all who give to the  
SVP Advent Appeal, which raised  
£386.33 and to Missio (APF) which  
raised £682.27.

**\*Sycamore Course Autumn 2025**  
Meetings take place in the Newman  
Gallery in Church (upstairs) on  
Wednesdays at 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

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 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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes).

\*Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 Juskiewicz, 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, Ann Mitchell, Angela Hillman, Rachel Kay Banks RIP

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Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale and Christ the King, Kingstanding.

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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 Reps Nicola Brown & Virginia Okeke.

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