



**Welcome to  
St Margaret Mary Church  
Birmingham  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE  
LORD  
Happy New Year!  
5<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 Jubilee Year**

'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'

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

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**

**Psalm Response:** *Lord, all nations on earth will adore you.*

**Second reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6**

**Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand):** *We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship the Lord.*

**The Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12** *The visit of the Magi to the Christ*

**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**

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.

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

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.**

### **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 + 25**

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

**This week to view:** Sat 4<sup>th</sup>

5.45pm Confessions. 6.30pm Mass and blessing of chalk (George Patrick Parkes RIP) **The Epiphany of the Lord.**

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.** 9.30am Mass and blessing of chalk. (Michael Woulfe RIP). 11am Mass and blessing of chalk (Pauline Douglas). *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Ordinariate Families Fund.*

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> Term begins. 7.30am Mass.

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass of Advent. 7pm Youth club

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> 8.55am Adoration. 9.15am Mass. 11am Requiem Funeral Mass for Ann Mitchell RIP. 5.30pm Sycamore course.

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Mass (Rachel Banks RIP).

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 5.45pm Confessions.  
6.30pm Mass

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.** 9.30am Mass. 11am Mass.  
*White Flower Appeal and Collection.*

### Notices

\*Figures for **29/12/24**: Gift Aid:  
£87, Loose: £204.95, Attendance:  
176

\*Portal Magazine is out on 1<sup>st</sup> January,  
visit [portalmag.co.uk](http://portalmag.co.uk) There is also  
the portal podcast on:  
<https://soundcloud.com/ordinariateportalpodcast>

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

\*Aid to the Church in Need (ACN  
UK) has launched an Open Letter  
campaign calling on Foreign Secretary  
David Lammy to make persecuted  
religious communities priority  
recipients of UK Overseas  
Development Aid (ODA). They need  
your help to reach their goal of 10,000  
signatures, which will trigger a  
response from the Government.  
Please sign their open letter today:  
<https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday-advocacy-letter>

\***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).

### **\*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, Imre Balazs, Edith Gifford,  
Sinead Sullivan, Jan Miguel, Brian Crawford  
RIP

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Working in a cluster with the Ordinariate of Our  
Lady of Walsingham

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

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Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance  
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National and Archdiocesan policies  
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