



Welcome
St Margaret Mary Church
Birmingham
CENTENARY YEAR
Advent III
14th December, 2025

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

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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, Lord have mercy,
Kyrie eleison
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Christe eleison
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Kyrie eleison

First reading: Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10.

God himself will come and save you.

Psalm Response: *Com, Lord, and save
us.*

Second reading: James 5.7-10.

*'Establish your hearts, for the coming of 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: Matthew 11.2-11. *'Are you the one is to come, or shall we look for another?'*

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 hymn

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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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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.**

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK Saturday, 13th 10am SVP Meeting in the Gallery. 10.15am Ecumenical Carols in Erdington, meet at Six Ways Baptist Church. 5.45-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm Mass (Peggy Jackman RIP).

Sunday, 14th December. **ADVENT III**
9.30am Mass. 11am Mass. 12.15pm Baptism of Thomas Michael Reilly. 4pm Carol service at Christ the King Church, followed by farewell to Fr The Quang.

Monday, 15th Dec 7.30am Mass. 11am Requiem Mass for Christopher Calland RIP.

Tuesday, 16th 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (Carmel Finnegan). 7pm Youth club.

Wednesday, 17th 8.35am Adoration. 9.15am Mass (Maureen Norton McClaren recovery). 5.30pm Sycamore course.

Friday, 19th 9.15am Mass (Maria Agendia RIP). School term ends.

Saturday, 20th 10.30am Crib and tree preparation followed by refreshments. 5.45-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm Mass.

Sunday, 21st December. **ADVENT IV**
9.30am Mass (Fr John Warnaby RIP and Derek Warnaby RIP) 11am Mass.

Notices: *7/12/25 Gift Aid: £152
Loose: £240.31. Building Funda: £20.
2nd Collection Poor Parishes: £132.03
Attendance: 180

*** Sycamore Course Autumn 2026**

Our last session for 2025 is 17th Dec.

For 2026, Meetings continue to take place in the Newman Gallery in Church (upstairs) on Wednesdays at 5.30pm – 6.30pm:

14/1/26, The search for happiness
21/1, The existence of God
28/1, Who is Jesus?
4/2, Power of Prayer
11/2, Finding Freedom
Half term
25/2, The Sacraments

4/3, Forgiveness
11/3, Vocations
18/3 The Mass
25/3 The Light of Christ

***Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica** – we are collecting items that will be delivered to Jamaica – non-perishable food, clothes, toiletries, batteries, tarpaulins. You can also donate through the website: jnfoundation.com/hurricane-melissa-relief (or to JN Money, One Stop Shopping Centre, Unit 1, In-Shops, Perry Barr, B42 1AA). You can bring items to the Presbytery/Sacristy over the next three weeks.

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**CHRISTMAS AT ST MARGARET
MARY CHURCH 2025**



CHRISTMAS EVE

**4pm Mass oriented to children and families
at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 82
Old Oscott Hill, B44 9SP*

***11.30pm Midnight Mass at St
Margaret Mary Church**

CHRISTMAS DAY

***9.30am Mass and blessing of the
crib at St Margaret Mary**

***11am Mass (Divine Worship) at St
Margaret Mary**

*Our Crib Charity this year is *Friends of the Holy Land* (FHL) to recognise the urgent needs of Christians in the Holy Land

***Prayers for the departed:**

Mark Coupe, Esa Susan Morton, John Joseph Riordan, Terence Stephens, Alan Collins, Joseph Thomas, Dave Edgington, Jamie Arrowsmith, Jadzia Zarzycka, Averil Cozens, John Driver, Catherine Ivy Byrne, Dom Kevin Taggart, OSB, Joyce Holloway, Fr Simon Hall, Christopher Calland, Eddie Walsh, Jennifer Harrison, Grazyna Grunau, Brenda Jones, Hughie Patrick Underwood, Val Lennon, Danny McCrossan, Peggy Jackman, Maureen Costello, Edward Maguire
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.



**St Margaret Mary Church,
Birmingham B23 7AB
Centenary Programme 2025-2026**

*Wednesday, 26th November, 7pm,
Confirmation Mass, Celebrant: Bishop David Waller

2026

*24 April, 2026 11.30am Visit to Emery House, 20 Turfpits Lane, B23 5DP to original site of St Margaret Mary Church, Coffee morning and unveiling of plaque.

*6 June 2026 Centenary Dinner at Maryvale Hall with invited ecumenical and community guests

*July 2026, Ordination of Thomas Joseph to the Diaconate, St Chad's Cathedral

*Friday, 10 July, 2026 Church and School Community Fair and burial of time capsule

*Friday, 16th October, 2026 St Margaret Mary Feast Day and Centenary Mass with Archbishop Bernard Longley with blessing of stained glass window and the commissioning of new evangelists and catechists for the parish. Followed by party.

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Funds can be paid via the Archdiocese or directly to FHL. The charity's bank details are as follows: Name: Friends of the Holy Land. Account: 24591211. Sort Code: 60-05-41. Further information: FHL Office Manager, Jen Hill, at jen.hill@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or telephone 01926 512980.

'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'

Further notices:

*From St. Mary's College, Oscott:
Step into the world of St (now Doctor of the Church) John Henry Newman!
The special exhibition will showcase artefacts from Oscott's collections and the Birmingham Archdiocesan Archives, shedding light on the saint's life and legacy. Book a college tour for exhibition at: Oscott.org/events

* SS Mary and John's Catholic School is seeking new **Foundation Governors** to join our governing body. **Foundation Governors play a vital role in supporting the Catholic ethos of the school, helping to ensure that faith is at the heart of everything we do.** If you are a practising Catholic with a commitment to education and the mission of the Church, we would love to hear from you. This is a rewarding opportunity to serve our parish community and help shape the future of our children. For more information or to express interest, please contact the school office. 0121 382 3522.

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She said yes to God's request
Now to Beth'lem she must haste.