



Welcome
St Margaret Mary Church
Birmingham
CENTENARY YEAR
Christmas II
4th January, 2026 Happy New Year!

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: Sirach

(Ecclesiasticus) 24.1-2, 8-12. *The
wisdom of God has dwelt in the chosen people.*

Psalm Response: *The Word became flesh
and dwelt among us.*

**Second reading: Ephesians 1.3-6,
15-18.** *He predestined us for adoption as sons
through Jesus.*

Gospel Acclamation: Please stand



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the
nations. Glory to you O Christ, believed in
throughout the world.*

The Gospel: John 1.1-18. *'The Word
became flesh and dwelt among us.'*

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

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

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.
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.**

Communion hymn

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all ye nations rise,

Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK Saturday, 3rd 11am
Baptism of Gabriel, Isaiah and Sarai
Kelly. 12.30pm Mass CTK. 6pm Mass
OLAM, followed by Cluster parishes party in
the hall.

Sunday, 4th January **CHRISTMAS II**
9.30am Mass CTK 11.15am Mass
(Novus Ordo; Trish O'Connor)
12.15pm Baptism of Hannah Was

Monday, 5th Jan 7.30am Mass 9Michael
Woulfe RIP). **THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD. 7pm Epiphany Vigil
mass at CTK & Epiphany blessing
of chalk.**

Tuesday, 6th **THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD 8.55am Rosary. 9.30am
Mass SMM & Epiphany blessing of
chalk.** *The Jubilee Year ends.*

Wednesday, 7th No Mass at SMM

Friday, 9th 9am Mass at CTK

Sat 10th 12.30pm Mass CTK. 6pm Mass
OLAM.

Sunday, 11th Jan **THE BAPTISM OF
THE LORD. 9.30am Mass CTK**
11.15 am Mass SMM 12.15pm Baptism
of Nancy-Lou and Christopher Ryan.

Notices: *28/12/25 Gift Aid:
£66.50 Loose: £158.11. Attendance:
98 (338 Christmas Day)

* **Mass intentions:** please would all
mass intentions be placed in an
envelope for the attention of Claire
Adler. The envelope also needs the
name and phone number of the person
requesting the intention to be written
on the envelope.

***New-look A4 Cluster** mass sheet will
replace this newsletter from next
weekend, 10th and 11th January. Which
will be available electronically and in
printed form. Hymns will be projected.

* **Sycamore Course Autumn 2026**

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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***Our Crib Charity** this year is *Friends of the Holy Land* (FHL) to recognise the urgent needs of Christians in the Holy Land. 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@friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk or telephone 01926 512980.

***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, Fr David Keniry, Julia Geradete Fleming, Ruth Black, Michael Coffey RIP

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The Newman Cluster

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The Newman Cluster is a growing into a united Catholic community

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Other Clergy in the Cluster

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives in the Cluster are Caroline Gorman (CTK), Angela Hooker (OLAM) and Renata Olkowska (SMM). To report concerns or issues email Caroline on sg.christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk; Angela on sg.ol-assumption.bham@rcaob.org.uk and Renata on sg.margaret.mary.bham@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively concerns or issues can be reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on **0121 230 6240** or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk



**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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'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'