



**St Margaret Mary,
Birmingham**

ADVENT II

Year B

6th December, 2020

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.

First reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11
*The glory of the Lord shall be
revealed.*

Psalm response: *Let us see, O
Lord, your mercy, and give us your
saving help.*

Second reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14
*We are waiting for the new heavens
and the new earth.*

*Gospel acclamation: Prepare a
way for the Lord, make his paths
straight, and all mankind shall see
the salvation of God.*

Gospel: Mark 1.1-8 *A voice cries
in the wilderness: prepare a way for
the Lord.*

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 God 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.

Offertory

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: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

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 from 29/11/2020:
GA £20, Loose £123.06

* *Sycamore* is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. Everyone is welcome. Fr Simon will be trialling this course soon. If you would like to try and introductory evening during Advent, please contact him on 07985 753391.

* www.portal.mag.uk is now out for December, which includes a book review by Fr Simon on Catholic Churches to visit.

* The Archdiocese magazine, the Sower, is available from the back of church. Please let us know if are isolating and would like a copy.

* Pope Francis' prayer for December: *We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.*

* If you think you know somebody or a family who would benefit from a delivery of a food hamper before Christmas, please would you inform us now.

* *Walk with me* Advent prayer books available now. Suggested donation, £1. If you want one posting, please let Fr Simon know.

* St Chad's Sanctuary need: 1) Umbrellas 2) Men's trainers and 3) Girls' clothes (aged 4-5)

* Pre-Christmas piety sale includes rosaries, 2021 calendars and Advent calendars: please let John Kearney know on 07738 715140

* We are building a large **outdoor crib** this year, whether or not there are further restrictions on mass. We will try and raise some funds for the Fr Hudson society. Every child who visits the crib will be given a Christmas sticker!

* Many thanks to our fantastic **stewards** who are helping to keep church open and to our **buddies** who are keeping in touch with elderly or vulnerable members. Please remember our **foodbank** is open throughout this lockdown. Please phone Carmel Dowdall on 07943 577638 if you have foodbank enquiries.

* If you give by Gift Aid and you would like your gift aid figures for your tax returns, please speak to Terry Brown (Treasurer) on 07969 978007 or Tezza_b@hotmail.co.uk

* What is 'Pause' ? Open access emotional health and wellbeing service for:

- Children & young people under 25 years old who have a Birmingham GP,
- Parents/carers of children & young people under 25 years old who have a Birmingham GP.

What can Pause help with?

- **anything** relating to emotional wellbeing, your feelings and how to manage them.

<https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause>

* **Government Consultation on Faith Engagement**

Individual Catholics have been asked to respond (by 11 December) to the following open consultation on the way Government engages with faith communities. The link to the online submission is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence>

* Giving by standing order is through our Bank, NatWest, Sort Code 60-08-02, Account Number 14403749. Account: *Archdiocese of Bham St Margaret Mary.*

***Prayers for the departed:**

Michael James Francis McGreene, Margaret Lemathy, Kathleen Donnelly, Claire Duffy, Jacob Billington, Frances Raczka, Doreen Nevitt, George O'Sullivan, Hilda O'Sullivan, Clare Duffy, Martin Hegney, George Compagno, Gladys Wakefield, Francis (Frank) Cleland, Sonia Pike, Sandra Ware, Joan Gilbert, Carmel Mahon, Colin Niblett, Gina Tovey, Baby Shai Williams, Arthur Wills, Rev Andrew Wilson, Jaisamma Abraham, James Dargan, Carol Hill, Paddy Joyce, Fr Alan Griffin, Beverley Cooper, Nigel Waters RIP

THIS WEEK Saturday, 5th
Advent Retreat open to all, 11-5pm, entitled '*Four Candles*', to book, email Antonia Lynn on: antonia.lynn@lcsd.org.uk 6.30pm Mass for Advent II (Anne Seery RIP).

Sun 6th December **ADVENT II.**
9.30am Mass (Pro populo). 11am Mass (Dominic Terence Hollywood and Olive Veronica Hollywood RIP). *Second collection for poor parishes* (you can also give via:

<https://www.mygiving.online/appdonatio>

[n/DonateNow/197597ae-b53e-430f-be0a-a78281e94aa8](https://www.donatenow.com/197597ae-b53e-430f-be0a-a78281e94aa8))

Monday, 7th 7pm Mass, **Vigil Mass of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham).

Tuesday, 8th December. **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (Mary Carey RIP).

Wednesday, 9th St John Diego 8.35am Adoration. 9.15am Mass (Margaret Antiwaa Dapaah RIP).

Thursday, 10th St John Roberts, M.

Friday 11th 9.15am Mass

Saturday, 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe. 6.30pm Mass Advent III (Margaret Perks and family).

Sun 13th December **ADVENT III. Gaudete Sunday.** 9.30am Mass (NHS workers). 11am Mass (Pro populo). *2nd Collection for Catholic Evangelisation – Home Mission*

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Christmas at St Margaret Mary Church

Christmas Eve

4pm Mass

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.30am Mass

11am Mass (Divine Worship)

St Margaret Mary Church from 2 December:

Saturday 6.30pm Mass

**Sundays 9.30am Mass
and 11am Mass (Divine Worship)**

Monday 6.30pm until the end of 7pm Mass

Tuesday 8.30am until the end of 9.15am Mass

Wednesday 8.30am until the end of 9.15am Mass

Friday 8.30am until the end of 9.15am Mass

*Please observe social distancing

*Please observe one way system

*Please use hand gel

* Please wear a face covering

*The toilets are not allowed to be open



Light Up

CHRISTMAS

in ERDINGTON

A socially distanced creative Christmas!

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Christmas 2020 will have to be different. With Covid-19 there is no getting away from that.

At the time of writing, we don't know what the guidance will be, but we can guess that many events won't be happening, and a lot of activity will be online. Families will be put in the dilemma of how to be with people they love but potentially told it's not safe to do so.

When we realised that we couldn't run our Christmas Lights Switch On events, or have everyone squeezed into Oikos for the annual Evening of Creativity Christmas Special – we started to think about what could we do instead. How could we help bring some joy and Christmas spirit across Erdington?

Light Up Christmas in Erdington! A Christmas call to action to find alternative and creative ways to enjoy this festive period together even if it has to be socially distanced.

There are 3 ways to get involved:

1. Decorate and light up your house/business/premises
2. Check out a list of online and socially distanced activities you can join in with across the area
3. Share creative ideas for people to enjoy Christmas despite rules and challenges

We will share information of what is happening across Erdington via our website. Please feel free to send us activities to add to the programme or ideas for how to do things differently this Christmas in the comments at the bottom of the web page at www.activearts.wordpress.com or email us at activeartscv@gmail.com

You can download via the website a poster to promote your own activities. Or cut out this one above and display in your own window to show you're in the Erdington Christmas spirit.

Light Up Christmas Activity Highlights



Visit our website to see the full programme including: **Doorstep Carol Singing** from Urban Devotion; a **Window Wonderland** walking trail from Witton Lodge Community Association and a series of activities and events as part of **Light Up Castle Vale** with Pioneer Group, Compass Support and Greenwood Academy.

Plus of course Erdington Arts Forum's **Evening of Creativity Christmas Special** on Friday 18th December at 6.30pm. Definitely online via Facebook and possibly also live at Oikos Café – restrictions depending!

A Gift On Us

Is there a family member or friend missing out this Christmas in some way and you think they would like a creative treat?

Please nominate them for a socially distanced Doorstep activity from one of our Erdington Arts Forum artists or musicians.

Send an email with details of who they are, their address and why you are nominating them to activeartscv@gmail.com





**Sutton Park Methodist
Circuit**

Christmas Dinner

'Special Delivery Service'

A message from

Deacon Marilyn & her Team



Christmas Day - Share the Joy

If you would like to receive a full Christmas Dinner with Christmas Pudding, please let Deacon Marilyn know your Name and Postcode ASAP.

If you can help by donating "time, talent or money" to make this happen please get in touch with Deacon Marilyn. Thank you.

Vegetarians catered for.

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