



**St Margaret Mary,
Birmingham
ADVENT III
The Year of Prayer
17th December 2023**

*If you need detailed readings they are on p.
87 of the books available from the back of
church.*

Advent Candle song:

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Christ the Lamb of God, behold.

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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.

First reading: Isaiah 61.1-2, 10-11.

*The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me
to proclaim good news, healing and liberty.*

Psalm Response: *My souls rejoices in
my God.*

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24. *Be happy at all times and pray constantly.*

Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand): *The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.*

The Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28.
John the Baptist is a witness for the light.

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

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: 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.

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

Notices * Figures for 10/12/23,
Envelopes: £197.50, Loose: £221.34,
Building Fund: £7. *2nd Collection, poor Parishes: £101.63.* Attendance: 194.

*The Quarterly magazine is out this weekend with a round up of events in the parish. Suggested donation : 30p.

*Many thanks to all those who donated to APF (Missio): you raised in total £1531.74 this year.

*St Stephen's Guild of Servers mass is on St Stephen's Day, 26th December at 9.30am.

*We shall be decorating the Christmas tree and assembling the crib on Saturday, 23rd December at 10.30am, followed by refreshments.

*March for Life UK 2024 will be on Saturday 7th September in London. Also, "March for Life UK are launching their new initiative 'Connect' in 2024 to help bring together like minded pro-lifers in their community info@marchforlife.co.uk Find out more at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/connect/> "

***Sycamore Course 2024**

Meetings take place in the Newman Gallery in Church (upstairs) on Wednesdays at 6pm - 7pm.

10/1/24, the search for happiness

17/1, The existence of God

24/1, Who is Jesus?

31/1, Power of Prayer

7/2, Finding Freedom

Half term, Lent begins on 14th Feb

21/2 The Sacraments

28/2, Forgiveness

6/3, Vocations
20/3, The Mass

***Prayers for the departed:**

Clare Banks, Elizabeth McKeever, Colder Graham, Fr Paul Chavasse, Cong. Orat., James Bailey, Joseph Shannon, Princes Chinwe Akigwe, Vivian Ellis, Jimmy Doyle, Martin John Leydon, Catherine Mary Jones, Edmund (Eamonn) Francis Loughran, Carine Yankam, Jacqui Carron, Ann Babington, Andy Deane, Joan Smith, Patricia Walsh, Revd David Spencer, John Hemmings, Fr Brian Gill. William Moran, Geoffrey Corbett, June Driscoll, Hugh Callaghan, George Mealy, Nikoll Paluca, Cecilia Smalley, Alan Edward McKell RIP

THIS WEEK

Saturday, 16th 5.45pm-6.20pm
Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, 17th December **ADVENT III**, 9.30am Mass (Catherine & Christopher Russell). 11am Mass (Patrick Kelly RIP). 12.15pm Baptism of Alicja Michalowska. **6pm Advent Evensong and Benediction by candlelight, followed by Presbytery party. Launch of our 'Friends of the Holy Land' Crib Appeal & Raffle.**

Monday, 18th 9.30am Mass at *The Convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 99 Old Oscott Hill, Kingstanding.*
6.30pm Adoration and Benediction.
1.30pm Year 3 Carol Service in

Church. 7pm Mass (Ankweatt Maria Agendia RIP).

Tuesday, 19th 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (Alan Edward McKell RIP).
1.30pm Year 5 and 6 Carol Service in Church. 7pm Deanery Penitential Service for Advent at Erdington Abbey.

Wed, 20th 8.35am Adoration and Benediction. 9.15am Mass (Patricia Walsh RIP).

Friday, 22nd Dec. 9.15am Mass. (William Moran RIP)

Saturday, 23rd 10.30am Decoration of crib and Christmas tree, followed by refreshments. 5.45pm-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 24th December ADVENT IV

10.30am Mass of Advent IV
(Maureen Frawley) (the only Advent IV morning mass)



CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm Mass oriented to children and families. (Mary Moody)

11.30pm Midnight Mass (Fiona Fadian)

Monday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Mass and blessing of the crib
(Edna and Mick Daly)

**11am Mass (Divine
Worship)**(Gerald and Dennis Byrne)

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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 Representative is Nicola Brown. She can be contacted at sg.margaretmary.bham@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

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She said yes to God's request
Now to Bethl'm she must haste.

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***Stop the 14-day limit on
experimenting on embryos being
removed**

The Human Fertilisation and
Embryology Authority (HFEA) is
pushing to remove the 14-day limit
for experimenting on embryos,
despite 97% of submissions from the
general public to their consultation

objecting to these plans. Please visit:
www.righttolife.org.uk/14days to
contact your MP now. It only takes 30
seconds.

*Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co
Mayo, 14th April 2024. £899.00
pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold
luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt
Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed &
Breakfast. Lunch on three
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