



**St Margaret Mary,
Birmingham
ADVENT IV
The Year of Prayer
24th December 2023**

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

Advent Candle song:

Light the Advent candle one,
Now the waiting has begun.
All God's people wait in hope
For the coming of our Lord.

*Candle, candle burning bright
Shining in the cold winter night.
Candle, candle burning bright,
Fill our hearts with Advent joy.*

2. Light the Advent candle two
For God's prophets who are called
To be faithful to His word,
In a world of sin and shame.

Candle, candle....

3. Light the Advent candle three
For the one who points to Christ,
John the Baptist who declared
Christ the Lamb of God, behold.

Candle, candle.....

4. Light the Advent candle four,
For Our Lady, full of grace,
She said yes to God's request
Now to Bethl'm she must haste.

Candle, candle....

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: 2 Samuel. *King David is told; your House and your sovereignty will stand secure.*

Psalm Response: *I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

Second reading: Romans 16.25-27. *St Paul proclaims Jesus Christ, the mystery kept secret for endless age, but now so clear.*

Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand): *I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.*

The Gospel: Luke 1.26-38 *The annunciation of 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 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

Holy Virgin, By God's Decree,
You Were Called Eternally;
That He Could Give His Son To Our
Race.

Mary, We Praise You, Hail, Full Of
Grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

By Your Faith And Loving Accord,
As The Handmaid Of The Lord,
You Undertook God's Plan To
Embrace.

Mary We Thank You, Hail, Full Of
Grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

Refuge For Your Children So Weak,
Sure Protection All Can Seek.
Problems Of Life You Help Us To
Face.

Mary, We Trust You, Hail, Full Of
Grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

To Our Needy World Of Today
Love And Beauty You Portray,
Showing The Path To Christ We
Must Trace.

Mary, Our Mother, Hail, Full Of
Grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

Notices * Figures for 17/12/23,
Envelopes: £113, Loose: £243.32,
Building Fund: £12. Attendance:
243. Crib Appeal, 'Friends of the
Holy Land' (*so far*): £203.57

*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.

*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/c
onnect/](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 , 23rd

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)

Tuesday, 26th ST STEPHEN. 9.30am Mass (Barnabas Agendia RIP). & Enrolment of new servers.

Wed, 27th ST JOHN THE VENAGELIST. 8.35am Adoration and Benediction. 9.15am Mass (Mary and P J Hegarty RIP).

Friday, 29th Dec. St Thomas a Becket. 9.15am Mass (Patrick J. Woulfe RIP).

Saturday, 30th 5.45pm-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Louise P J Driscoll RIP).

Sunday 31st December

THE HOLY FAMILY. 9.30am Mass (Enid and John King).. 11am Mass (June Driscoll RIP).

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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