



**St Margaret Mary
Birmingham
THE HOLY FAMILY
The Year of Prayer
31ST December 2023**

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

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: Genesis 15: 1-6,
21.1-3. *Abraham is given an heir.*

Psalm Response: *He, the Lord, is
our God. He remembers his covenant for
ever.*

Second reading: Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19. *The faith of Abraham and Sarah.*

Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand): *At various times in the past and in different ways, God spoke to us through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.*

The Gospel: Luke 2.22-40 *Jesus is taken to the Temple by Mary and Joseph.*

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 24/12/23, Envelopes: £197.50, Loose: £173.70, Attendance (Advent IV): 121. Christmas attendance: 357. Friends

of the Holy Land total, so far:
£532.67.

**Please give generously to the Friends of the Holy Land appeal, our Archdiocese chosen crib appeal, supporting the faithful in Bethlehem and surrounding communities.*

<https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/Appeal/christmas>

*Fr Simon and Fr Leonard would like to thank you all for your Christmas greetings, cards and gifts, and would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Joyous 2024.

*Thank you to all who have prepared church for this Christmas, including our readers, servers, musicians, bus drivers, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cleaners and stewards.

*At the St Stephen's Guild of Servers mass on St Stephen's Day we enrolled six new servers and presented to Ted Ware his silver medal for over 20 years of service at the altar. Congratulations to them all!

* Pope Francis Apostleship of Prayer for January: FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH
Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

*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, Fr John Lungley, Thomas Baxter, Ian O'Hara RIP

THIS WEEK

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).

Monday, 1st January, 2024. **MARY
THE MOTHER OF GOD.** *10am*
*Mass at the Convent of the Sisters of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, 99 Old Oscott Hill,
B44 9SR. No 7pm Mass here.*

Tuesday, 2nd Ss Basil and Gregory
Nazianzen. 9.30am Mass (Hugh
Callaghan RIP).

Wed, 3rd The Holy Name of Jesus.
8.35am Adoration and Benediction.
9.15am Mass (Geoffrey Corbett RIP).

Friday, 5th Dec. 9.15am Mass
(Michael John Woulfe RIP).

Saturday, 6th 5.45pm-6.20pm
Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass and
blessing of chalk (Ann Hughes)

Sunday 7th **THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD.** 9.30am Mass and
blessing of chalk (Padraig Woulfe
RIP). 11am Mass and blessing of
chalk (Lily Cooper RIP and decd
members of the Cooper family).

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Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale and
Christ the King, Kingstanding.

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with
Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and
National and Archdiocesan policies and
procedures at all times. Our Parish
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