



Welcome
St Margaret Mary Church
Birmingham
CENTENARY YEAR
Advent I
30th November, 2025

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.*

Opening hymn: O come, O come,
Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice!

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on
high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice!

O come, Adonai, Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice!

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,
Kyrie eleison
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Christe eleison
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Kyrie eleison

First reading: Isaiah 2.1-5. *Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.*

Psalm Response: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

Second reading: Romans 13.11-14a.
Let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

Gospel Acclamation: *Please stand*



The Gospel: Matthew 24. 37-44. *Stay awake so that you may be ready.*

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 *Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,*

*Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours, we are yours.*

Yours as we stand at the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.

We are the signs of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours.
Take our bread....

Your holy people stand washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.

We are poor, but we brought ourselves the best we could.

We are yours, we are yours.
Take our bread....

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

O Bread of Heaven! beneath this veil
Thou dost my very God conceal;
My Jesus, dearest Treasure, hail!
I love Thee, and adoring kneel:
The loving soul by Thee is fed
With Thy own self in form of bread!

O Food of Life! Thou who dost give
The pledge of immortality!
I live;—no, 'tis not I that live,
God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways,
And every grief with joy repays.

O Bond of Love! that dost unite
The servant to his loving Lord!
Could I dare live, and not requite
Such love,—then death were meet reward:
I cannot live, unless to prove
Some love for such unmeasured love.

O sweetest Love, my soul shall find
In Thy dear bonds true liberty.
Thyself Thou hast bestowed on me,
Thine, Thine for ever I will be!
Beloved Lord! in Heaven above,—
There, Jesus, Thou awaitest me

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional hymn

1. Hark! a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

2. Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

3. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;

4. So when next he comes with glory,
Wrapping all the earth in fear,
May he then as our defender
Of the clouds of heaven appear.

5. Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run. Amen.

THIS WEEK Saturday, 29th November.
5.45-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm Mass
(Grazyna Grunau RIP).

Sunday, 30th November. **ADVENT I** 9.30am
Family Mass (Alfie Webb). 11am Mass (Eddie Walsh RIP).

Monday, 1st Dec St Edmund Campion,
Martyr. 7.30am Mass (Irene Fitzgerald RIP).

Tuesday, 2nd 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass
(Holy Souls). 1.30pm Visit of Hive College.

Wednesday, 3rd St Francis Xavier. 8.35am
Adoration. 9.15am Mass (Deacon Tenny Anthony). 5.30pm Sycamore course.

Friday, 5th 9.15am Mass (Michael Maughan RIP), followed by confessions. 7pm *First Friday Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel, Maryvale.*

Saturday, 6th 5.45-6.20pm Confessions.
6.30pm Mass (Ann Mitchell RIP deceased
members of the Mitchell family RIP).

Sunday, 7th December. **ADVENT II** 9.30am
Family Mass. 11am Mass. *2nd Collection: Poor
parishes.*

Notices: *23/11/25 Gift Aid: £94
Loose: £306.44. 2nd Collection Youth
Services: £146.69 Mary's Meals
£224.86, Centenary :£50 Attendance:
203

* Congratulations to the 25 young
people and adults confirmed by Bishop
David Waller last Wednesday.

* If you would like a printed version (or
electronic) of the Pastoral Message
from Bishop David Evans to the three
parishes of the Newman Cluster
regarding the move of Fr The Quang to
Taiwan and his farewell on 14
December, please speak to Fr Simon.

*Praying with Pope Leo, the Apostleship of
Prayer for December: *Let us pray that Christians
living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the
Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation,
and hope.*

* **Sycamore Course Autumn 2025** Meetings
take place in the Newman Gallery in Church
(upstairs) on Wednesdays at 5.30pm – 6.30pm:

**3/12 The Sacraments of Baptism and
Confirmation**

10/12 The Mass

17/12 The social teaching of the Church

CHRISTMAS AT ST MARGARET MARY CHURCH 2025



* **Sat, 13th December** Erdington Town
Centre Ecumenical carols: 10.30am.

Poster to follow.

***Sunday, 14th December**

*4pm Advent Carols for our cluster parishes at
Christ the King, Kingstanding 124 Warren
Farm Road, B44 0QN, followed by
refreshments and farewell to Fr The Quang*

***Sat 20th Dec** 10.30am - help put up
the crib and decorate the Christmas
tree, followed by refreshments.

Wednesday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

**4pm Mass oriented to children and families
at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 82
Old Oscott Hill, B44 9SP*

***11.30pm Midnight Mass St Margaret Mary Church**

Thursday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY

***9.30am Mass and blessing of the
crib St Margaret Mary**

***11am Mass (Divine Worship) at St
Margaret Mary**

*Our Crib Charity this year is *Friends of the Holy
Land* (FHL) to recognise the urgent needs of
Christians in the land of our 'Mother Church'.

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Further notices:

*Servers Guild of St Stephen Mass of St Stephen, 26th December at 11am at Christ the King, Kingstanding.

Weekend of 27/28 December THE HOLY FAMILY reduced mass cover:

*Sat 27th Dec 6.30pm Mass only at Our Lady of the Assumption (no 6.30pm Mass here).

*Sun 28th Dec 10am Mass at Christ the King. **11.30am** Mass at St Margaret Mary (no 9.30am Mass here)

*Christmas cards for sale at the back of church on Sat/Sun Masses.

* Next SVP meeting is 13 December at 10m in the Newman Gallery.

***Prayers for the departed:**

Malita Vickers, Violet Holland, Dominic Boyd, Katharine, Duchess of Kent, Kasey Lei Greene, Justina Morrin, Natasha Thorp, Danny Hanrahan, Pastor Dr Munyaradzi Madambi, 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 RIP

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**St Margaret Mary Church,
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Centenary Programme 2025-2026**

*Wednesday, 26th November, 7pm,
Confirmation Mass, Celebrant: Bishop David
Waller

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*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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***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.

*From St. Mary's College, Oscott:
Step into the world of St (now Doctor of the Church) John Henry Newman!
The special exhibition will showcase artefacts from Oscott's collections and the Birmingham Archdiocesan Archives, shedding light on the saint's life and legacy. Book a college tour for exhibition at: Oscott.org/events

* SS Mary and John's Catholic School is seeking new **Foundation Governors** to join our governing body. **Foundation Governors play a vital role in supporting the Catholic ethos of the school, helping to ensure that faith is at the heart of everything we do.** If you are a practising Catholic with a commitment to education and the mission of the Church, we would love to hear from you. This is a rewarding opportunity to serve our parish community and help shape the future of our children. For more information or to express interest, please contact the school office. 0121 382 3522.

'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'

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For the coming of our Lord.

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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.

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

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.

*Our Crib Charity this year is *Friends of the Holy Land* (FHL) to recognise the urgent needs of Christians in the land of our 'Mother Church'.

Funds can be paid via the Archdiocese or directly to FHL. The charity's bank details are as follows: Name: Friends of the Holy Land.

Account: 24591211. Sort Code: 60-05-41.

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