

Epiphany Inscription Over the Doorway of the Home:

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For the glorious feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, here again is the traditional blessing from the Roman Ritual with a little explanation of it. The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the Three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*. May Christ bless the house.” The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing.

The crosses represent the protection of the Precious Blood of Christ, Whose Sacred Name we invoke, and also the holiness of the Three Magi sanctified by their adoration of the Infant Christ.

The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God’s blessing. The month of January still bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the doorkeeper of heaven and protector of the beginning and end of things. This blessing “christens” the ancient Roman observance of the first month. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by the Adorable and Eternal Word of God in the womb of the Virgin Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

To bless your home this Epiphany, first read the Prologue of Saint John’s Gospel, followed by the Our Father, and the Collect of the Epiphany(See below); then write the inscription for this year above your front door with blessed chalk. (from lineonthedhedgerow.blogspot)

Collect:

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

In the Parish of Saint Mary’s Our Lady of the Rosary



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If you know of a parishioner who is an in-patient at the Pilgrim hospital, please contact Father at the Presbytery (01205 362056) or Deacon Martyn .

Liturgical calendar

Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	4	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Jean Barron</i>
Sunday	5	8.30am 10.00am Noon 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Latin Pol	Holy Family	<i>D Darling Parish</i> <i>Integration comm.</i>
Monday	6	No Mass	Eng	Monday after Eph	<i>D Darling</i>
Tuesday	7	9.30am	Eng	Tuesday after Eph	<i>D Darling</i>
Wednesday	8	7.00am	Eng	Wed. after Eph	<i>D Darling</i>
Thursday	9	7.00pm	Eng	Thurs after Eph	<i>Fr Thomas Kenny DCA</i>
Friday	10	No Mass 7.30pm	Pol	Friday after Eph	<i>D Darling</i>
Saturday	11	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Fr Cromaro DCA</i>
Sunday	12	8.30am 10.00am 12.00 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Latin Pol	The Baptism of Our Lord	<i>D Darling Parish</i> <i>Joshua Gilbert</i>

Divine Mercy: Wednesday 2.00pm

Benediction:

Adoration/Holy Hour: Tuesday 8.15am and Thursday 6.00pm

Confessions: Saturday 3.20pm-3.50pm Sunday 7.50am-8.20pm and 9.30am-9.50am and before weekday masses and on request.



Dates for the diary:

GIFT AID: The quarterly return for September amounting to £6,114.75 had been submitted to HMRC, and as a result a refund of £1528.69 has been received by the Parish. Thank you all who gift aid your donations to the Parish. If you have recently joined our parish or started to pay income tax, please consider completing a declaration. For further info contact me on 07778840886 or email "giftaid.bt@dioceseofnottingham.uk". Many thanks. Chaz Mayhew



Face Book

Sunday Collection: December 29 Envelopes £131 Loose £327
If donating by cheque please make it payable to Boston Roman Catholic Parish. Thank you for your financial support and those too who pay through the bank. We have now received repayment from HMRC in respect of your Gift Aid claim for the 2nd Quarter to 30/09/24. The amount due to the parish is £1528.69

Second Collections: FLOWERS £145 Christmas Collection: £800

OF YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The sick and housebound and for those who need your prayers, Sadie Wheate, Rosalyn, Mary, Fay Cowell, David Locking. Michael Campbell; Kathleen Bedford Sally Wallington; Coco.
- Linda O'Neill

