

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 [lineonthehedgerow.blogspot](http://lineonthehedgerow.blogspot.com))

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.

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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	3	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Johnson Fund</i>
Sunday	4	8.30am 10.00am 12.30pm 3.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Latin Pol	Second Sunday after Christmas	<i>Friends/Benefactors Parish Simone's Intns</i>
Monday	5	No Mass Prison	Eng	Christmas Feria	<i>Fr Nkumu RIP</i>
Tuesday	6	10.00am 7.00pm	Eng Eng	THE EPIPHANY	<i>Fr Lance RIP Angels on Tree</i>
Wed.	7	7.00am	Eng	Wed after Epiphany	<i>Fr Doyle RIP</i>
Thurs.	8	9.30am	Eng	Thur after Epiphany	<i>Bp McMahon RIP</i>
Friday	9	7.00pm	Eng	Fri after Epiphany.	<i>Thanksgiving for 2025 (VO/EA)</i>
Saturday	10	- 4.00pm	Eng	Sat after Epiphany Vigil	<i>Aveen Johnson Intn</i>
Sunday	11	8.30am 10.00am 12.30pm 3.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Latin Pol	The Baptism of Our Lord	<i>Bp McMahon RIP Parish</i>

Divine Mercy:

Adoration/Holy Hour: Thursday 8.15am; Friday 6.00pm

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

The Epiphany is a Holyday of Obligation. The school will be attending the 10.00am Mass

10/11th January Second Collection: Sick and Retired Priests.

Wishing you every blessing for the New Year! Thanks to all helped with the Liturgy this Christmas. Many thanks too for your cards and presents and prayers. Fr Dominic

Financials:

- Offertory Loose £ Envelopes (GA) £ Dona £
- Standing Orders £ Votive Candles £ TOTAL: £

FINANCE

"GIFT AID:

Further to the September quarterly return amounting to £6,985.00 being submitted, the parish has now received into the bank account £1,487.50 with a further amount of £258.75 for Gift Aided contactless donations." Thank you for all your gift aid donations to our parish. If you have recently joined our parish or started to pay income tax on personal income, please consider completing a Gift Aid declaration. For further information please contact me on 07778840886 or email giftaid.bt@dioceseofnottingham.uk Many thanks. Chaz Mayhew

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SECOND COLLECTIONS: 11th January Sick and Retired Priests; 1st March Cafod; 3rd April Holy Places; 26th April Clergy Formation; 17th May Catholic Communications

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; Sally Wallington; Coco, Margaret Lilley;
- Fr Jim Lynch RIP; John Tilley RIP; Philip Hale RIP

