

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD AND ALL SOULS



5TH - 12TH JANUARY 2020

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (YEAR A)

The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles

Sun 5th

9.30am FAMILY MASS

(Fr Charles Senthilvel)

11.15am SOLEMN MASS

(Bridie Morrow)

(Creagh & Cassidy families, deceased)



Hymns at 9.30am Mass

Entrance	170	We three Kings
Offertory	167	Bethlehem! Of noblest cities
Communion	145	What child is this

Recessional 166 As with gladness

11.15am Solemn Mass Please see special music sheets

FROM FATHER PAUL

A time-honoured Christian tradition at Epiphany is the “chalking the doors.” At our Masses today I will bless some chalk which you are invited to take home to inscribe the following above the entrance to your home, as you ask God’s blessing upon your home and your family:

20 + C + M + B + 20

The symbols have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in his first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “20” at the end mark the year of Our Lord 2020. With this inscription, and some simple prayers suggested below, we dedicate our year to God, asking his blessing on our homes, on all who live there, and on all who will visit them in the year ahead.

This lovely tradition helps us to live our Faith more concretely. Seeing the symbols over our doors reminds us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all who live in them belong to Christ. It’s in our homes that we will probably make the greatest strides in our spiritual growth this year, through our daily prayer, spiritual reading, and our work offered as an oblation to God. The inscription also serves as an outward sign of our dedication to Our Lord.

Suggested prayers

*May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us;
and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet,
that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.*

*God of heaven and earth, you revealed your Only-Begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star.
Bless this house and all who inhabit it.*

Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Loving God, bless this household.

May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will.

We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Mon 6 th	<i>Christmas Feria</i>	12.00 noon Mass (Lucia & Gerardo Fasciglione)
Tues 7 th	<i>Christmas Feria</i>	9.15am Mass (Josephine Dekkers, 100 th birthday) 6.30pm Reception of the Body of Brian McCarney RIP
Wed 8 th	<i>Christmas Feria</i>	9.15am Funeral Mass (Brian McCarney RIP)
Thurs 9 th	<i>Christmas Feria</i>	7.00pm Reception of the Body of Helen O'Kelly RIP 7.30pm Mass (Pauline Knight)
Fri 10 th	<i>Christmas Feria</i>	10.00am Requiem Mass (Helen O'Kelly RIP)
Sat 11 th	<i>Christmas Feria</i>	10.00am Mass (Marie Lawton) 10.30am Adoration & Confessions
Sun 12th	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.30am FAMILY MASS (Gerry Rush) 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (Helen Smith) (Colman O'Donoghue) 6pm Evening Prayer (Preacher, Rev Dwayne Enghe)

--- *Christmastide ends and Ordinary Time begins* ---

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION Our year three school children gather in the parish room next Sunday morning at 9am for their next First Holy Communion preparation session. They will then join us for the Family Mass at 9.30pm. Please make sure to welcome them and their families.

SCHOOL TERMS BEGINS We pray for our school today as children and staff prepare to begin a new term.

PRAYERS & CONDOLENCES We extend our prayers and condolences to the families of those who have died recently: **Maureen Verney, Helen O'Kelly, Bridie Murray, Brian McCarney and Sylvia Imray.** The respective funeral arrangements are displayed on the board in the porch.

PLEASE NOTE the change of time of the Reception of the Body of Helen O'Kelly this Thursday. It is 7pm. Mass will be at the slightly later time of 7.30pm.

JOSIE DEKKERS We extend our warmest wishes and congratulations to Josie Dekkers who celebrates her 100th birthday this Tuesday. Mass on Tuesday will be offered for Josie.

CRIB OFFERINGS Crib offerings for Coventry Winter Night Shelter have so far exceeded £200. Please place any further offerings in the wall near the door into the side porch.

WEEKLY NEWS SHEETS Please take your weekly newsheet home with you each week, so that you are aware of parish activities, and to make use of any materials for reflection and prayer it contains.

JOINT EVENING PRAYER Next Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, there will be a service of Evening Prayer (Vespers) at 6pm, at which the vicar of St. Mary Magdalen's, Rev Dwayne Enghe, will preach. This service will be part of our ecumenical keeping of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Please try your very best to be here to welcome our preacher and other members of the congregation of St. Mary Magdalen's.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EARLSDON AND CHAPELFIELDS FELLOWSHIP MEAL on Saturday 18th January at Hearsall Baptist church, 6.00 for 6.30pm. Tickets are now available priced £7. Please see Fr Paul if you would like one.

MASSES TO BE SAID BY FR MICHAEL IN CORNWALL

Thanksgiving (M.M.); Eunice & Charles Shiner; Maurice Kenny; Mervyn Chambers; Chris Egan; Mary, Helen & George Shiner; Eugene McFarland; Roger Gill; Kath Ridgeway; Francis Campbell; Eunice & Charles Shiner; Anastasia Gray; Johnny Evans; Noel O'Gorman; Robert Shiner; Chris Egan; Monica Lavery; Josie Kennedy; Reg Lever; Ernest & Mary Shiner; Intentions of Joseph John Shiner; Tony Nyham; John Grundy; John Coyle; Sean Campion.

GIFT AID FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE PORCH

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