

Refreshments after the Sunday Masses

Refreshments are served after the Sunday Masses; in the Joachim Room at St. Anne's Church and in the Fr. Tuite Room at Corpus Christi Church .

All are welcome!



Of your charity

Please pray for the souls of Sr. Sabina, Johana Richardson, and Tom Forde.

Sr. Sabina's Requiem is on Wednesday 15th January at 11am in St. Edward's Church, Raddlebarn Road, Selly Park, Birmingham, B29 7DB.

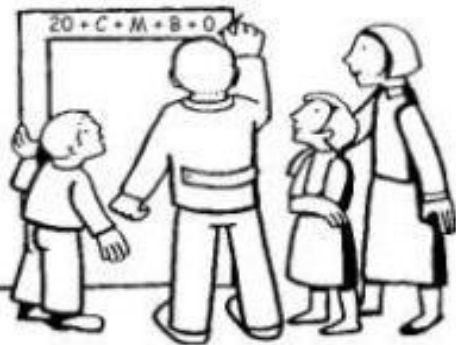
Johanna's Requiem is on Friday 17th January at 10am in Corpus Christi Church. Reception the night before at 6pm.

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord

Blessing Of Chalk

The annual blessing of Chalk will take place after all Masses on the Feast of the Epiphany.

With the blessed chalk we invoke and inscribe upon the front of our homes a blessing with the following inscription:



20 + C + M + B + 20

2020 , is for the calendar Year.

The Crosses + in between the letters, are Christ's Cross of Salvation and Hope.

The Letters have a two fold meaning:

C is for Caspar and Chistus

M is for Melchior and Mansionem

B is for Balthasar and Benedicat

Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar are the names of the 3 wise men, the Magi.

Christus Mansionem Benedicat is Latin for;

May Christ Bless this House

Christmas Decorations in Church

The Christmas Season began on Christmas Eve and concludes on the 12th January with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In some places they celebrate up to 2nd February, Candlemas Day, 40 days of Christmas.

Your help will be welcomed in taking down the decorations on Sunday 12th January in both/either church. Thanks.

Corpus Christi Presbytery

The fault on the phone line and Broadband to Corpus Christi Presbytery continues, now into a 3rd week.

Calls are being diverted. Fr. David's should be able to pick up emails using 4G to pick them up.

Royal Mail is still working ! LOL

Sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation 2021

If your child is currently in Year 2 or above you are invited to apply for the Sacraments of Confession & Communion.

If your child is currently in Year 5 or above you are invited to apply for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Practising Catholics need only apply. Thank you.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS

SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2020.

Little Boy Blue

The little toy dog is covered with dust,
but sturdy and stanch he stands;
and the little toy soldier is red with rust,
and his musket moulds in his hand.
Time was when the little toy dog was new,
and the soldier was passing fair;
and that was the time when our Little Boy Blue kissed them
and put them there.

*"Now don't you go till I come," he said
"and don't you make any noise!"*

So, toddling off to his trundle-bed
he dreamt of the pretty toys;
And as he was dreaming,
an angel song awakened our Little Boy Blue.
Oh! The years are many, the years are long,
but the little toy friends are true!

Ay, faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand,
each in the same old place
Awaiting the touch of the little hand,
the smile of a little face.
And they wonder, as waiting the long years through
in the dust of that little chair,
What has become of our Little Boy Blue,
since he kissed them and put them there.

By Eugene Field

Confirmation Classes for Children attending non-Catholic Schools

For those children attending non-Catholic schools who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation later in March this year, you are reminded that your lessons begin on Saturday 11th January at 10.15am.

The Lessons are held in the Fr. Tuite room.

Entrance to the Fr. Tuite Room is gained through the Blue door which is down the side between the Church and Presbytery.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins as it does every year on January 18th and concludes on January 25th the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

Corpus Christi and St. Anne's have been invited to join fellow Christians in the Anglican Church of St. John the Divine on Sunday 19th January at 4pm for a special service of Prayer and Song.

Please do try and come and support this annual event, bearing witness to our faith.

