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**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**



***Thank you so much to all who cleaned and decorated our Churches, to our sacristans, to those who were ministers of welcome, music, reading and Communion; for the flowers, the cribs and the trees and to those who got the Churches ready, all completed by our lovely volunteers. Thank you too for your kind wishes, cards and gifts for Christmas. Father Jonathan***



**PRAYERS:** for Ann McGrail, Jo Richards, Pat Elwood, Alexandra Van Duivenbode, Anthony Creer, Marlis Gardner, Gilly Hooper.

For those who care for the sick. For residents and staff at Albany House, The Hays, Clouds House. For the people of Ukraine and other war torn countries.

**Stella Maris knitting hats: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2pm Parish Rooms- later time.**

**The Angelus Bell Appeal is growing steadily and now stands at £6400 THANK YOU**

**Simon Kenney RIP: Requiem Mass in memory of Simon will be at All Saints' Wardour on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 a.m.**

**JANUARY 2025**

**4 SATURDAY Weekday of Christmas Time**

**CONFESSIONS Sacred Heart 10 a.m.**

**(Mass at St George's Warminster 6 p.m. Father Jonathan)**

**Prayers for Father Jonathan on his birthday today**

**5 SUNDAY SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**9.00 a.m. Sacred Heart: Mass (MI: People of the Parish)**

**Blessing of water and chalk Coffee after Mass in the Parish Room next door**

**10.30 a.m. All Saints' Wardour: Sung Mass**

*(Mass Intention: Sergio Fiorentino RIP)*

*Diocesan Prayer League: St Thomas of Canterbury, Fairford, with Cricklade*

- 6 MONDAY** Monday after Epiphany  
8.45 a.m. Sacred Heart: Morning Prayer (Proper of the Season) and Rosary
- 7 TUESDAY** Tuesday after Epiphany  
**9.30 a.m. All Saints' Wardour: Requiem Mass for Simon Kenney RIP**
- 8 WEDNESDAY** Wednesday after Epiphany  
8.45 a.m. Sacred Heart: Morning Prayer
- 9 THURSDAY** Thursday after Epiphany  
**5 p.m. Sacred Heart: Adoration followed by Benediction**  
**6 p.m. Sacred Heart: Mass ( EP at 5.30)**  
*(Mass Intention: Jeremiah Dunn RIP)*
- 10 FRIDAY** Friday after Epiphany  
8.45 a.m. Sacred Heart: Morning Prayer
- 11 SATURDAY** Saturday after Epiphany  
**CONFESSIONS Sacred Heart 10 a.m.**
- 12 SUNDAY THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**9.00 a.m.** Sacred Heart: **Mass** (*Mass Intention: James and Oliver Malone-Lee RIP*)  
**10.30 a.m.** All Saints' Wardour: **Sung Mass**  
*(Mass Intention: People of the Parish)*  
*Diocesan Prayer League: St Catharine, Frome; St Dominic, Wells*  
**SECOND COLLECTION: Children's Adoption Society (CCS)**

Please remember to keep your postage stamps for our Marfan Trust collection. Trim and pop in an envelope and leave in the Sacred Heart porch. *Thank you.*

#### **THE BLESSING OF HOMES ON THE EPIPHANY**

This is a time-honoured Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula is straightforward:

- take chalk of any colour and write the following above the entrance of your home:

**20 + C + M + B + XX**

The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "final two-digit number" at the end, mark the year. The letters have two meanings.

First, they abbreviate the Latin phrase, **Christus mansionem benedicat:**

**"May Christ bless the house."** And they represent the initials of the Magi - Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar-who came to visit Jesus in His first home.

Taken together, this inscription is a request that Christ bless those homes so marked and that He stays with those who dwell within through the entire year. We dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work or visit them there. **The chalking takes place at the end of Epiphany Mass, when the chalk and water are blessed by the priest.** On returning home, holy water is sprinkled, the inscription written and the prayer said. St Matthew writes that when the Magi saw the shining star stop overhead, they were filled with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother (2:10-11).

- In the home, Christ is met in family and friends, in visitors and strangers.
- In the home, faith is shared, nurtured, and put into action.
- In the home, Christ is welcome.

**May peace come to this house and to all who enter here.**