The blessing of homes using blessed Epiphany Chalk. 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)

### 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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Day	Date	Prayer Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	3	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	SP SK Pol	2nd Sunday after Christmas	Pro populo A+s Davidson
Monday	4			Christmas Feria	NDL
Tuesday	5			Christmas Feria	P+D Marranca
Wednesday	6	10.00am 12.00	SK SP	EPIPHANY	Chris Christie RIP DCA
Thursday	7	10.00am	SP	Adoration	
Friday	8	6.00pm	SK	Fri after Epiphany	P.Mannix+fam
Saturday	9		SK	Sat after Epiphany	Webster Family
Sunday	10	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	SP SK Pol	Baptism of Our Lord	M.Flynn Sp Intn Pro populo

#### NOTE FRIDAY MASS NOW AT 6.00PM

SP = Spilsby SK = Skegness Pol = Polish Mass at Skegness

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# **Prayers**

GHO Sophie Duffy 4yr old with cancer requested by Kathy Ready

Eddie Robinson RIP who died on Christmas Day. Our condolences to Bridget and the family

George Jones RIP Barbara Norton RIP Antony Granaham RIP Jenifer Webster RIP Maura Hutchins RIP Roy Newitt RIP Chris Christie RIP Michael Nolan RIP

Collection: Joint loose £486.14 Mary's Meal's £14 Sea Sunday £78.50

# **NOTES ON LITURGY**

#### For services at Spilsby:

Please contact either: Mary Flynn 01790 754563 or Patrick Doyle 01507 481072

### For Services at Skegness:

**For Sunday and Wednesday** Please contact Jacinta as follows: 01754 820644 email: jacintalewis21@aol.com Friday is not booked.

# Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

# A big thank you for the terrific response to the Christmas Appeal.

Both churches raised a total of £343.97 this enabled us to buy lovely gifts for the sick and housebound which will be delivered before Christmas. Thank you to all the people who helped organise the appeal particularly Sandra who did most of the work.

**SUPPORT MARCH FOR LIFE:** A Catholic family, The Braddish Family, have released a song "Christmas is coming Our Saviour is born" on itunes and amazon. The money goes towards "March for Life."

# **CONFESSION and/or need to speak to Father**

Please ring and book a time. Normally Father will be around in the church at the weekend times if you just simply want to catch him.

# Prayer outside of normal times

Sometimes people will have an urgent need to visit the Church, light a candle and say a prayer. If this is the case again please give me a ring and it can be easily arranged. Even in lockdown, priests are available to help, absolve and fortify so please feel free to contact me.