

Good News!

6th January 2019 • Epiphany of the Lord

Welcome to everyone at Mass today, especially if you are new to our church or haven't been to Mass for some time. Practising Catholics, clear in conscience that they are properly prepared, may receive **holy communion**. Others are invited to come forward for a **blessing**. If so, please place your hand on your heart to indicate this to the priest, deacon or minister.



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Masses, Intentions & other services

Check mass intentions online at bit.ly/mass-intentions

6th January • Epiphany • Guidance

Sat 5 5pm Malcolm Baker RIP
Sun 6 8am Sarah Clamp RIP & Sheila Gleve RIP
10.30am Sarah Clamp RIP & Sheila Gleve RIP

Mon 7 No Mass
Tue 8 7pm Maureen Kennedy (Intentions)
Wed 9 9.15am David (Intentions) (School Mass)
Thu 10 9:15am Holy Souls
1.45pm Pat & Sheila Rooney (Intentions)
(at St Thomas More School)
Fri 11 9.15am Ray Bishop (intentions - operation)
Sat 12 10am Parish and People

13th January • The Baptism of the Lord

Sat 12 5pm David O'Toole RIP
Sun 13 8am Sean Costello RIP
10.30am John & Kathleen Murphy RIP

Saints & Holy Days Saturday St Aelred of Rievaulx
Children's Liturgy (usually) Sunday at 10.30am Mass
Exposition (Holy Hour) Saturdays 9am to 9.50am
Baptism Sunday 6th January Joel Anthony Yeomans
Rosary 8.50am before Mass on Thursday and Friday
Morning Prayer 9.40am Saturday
Confessions usually Sat 9-9.50am, 10.30-11am,
4.30-4.50pm.

Parish Income 30th Dec ££438 (£216 Gift Aid),
Thank you!

Diocesan Newsletter for December: bit.ly/2PGQ7VI

Second Collections 13 Jan Parish Development
Fund; 20 Jan CTF retiring collection; 10 Feb Parish
Development Fund; 24 Feb CTF retiring collection. A
full list of second collections can be found here:
bit.ly/2LQNZKN



Happy New Year!!!

Happy New Year to all parishioners. Hopefully everyone had a restful time with many blessings. Fr Peter is especially grateful for the prayers, cards, gifts and offerings over the Christmas celebrations.

Back to normal! The programme of masses, including school masses returns to the regular pattern this week.

Blessing of Chalk takes place at the masses this weekend, and also at St Mary's school mass on Wednesday.

Next Sunday is the Family Mass. No Children's Liturgy next weekend, and there will be a second collection for the Parish Development Fund (Carpet Fund).

Journey in Faith will resume soon. Moe details next weekend. Anyone interested please speak to Fr Peter.



Blessing of the House with the Holy Chalk

At masses of the Epiphany the traditional blessing and distribution of chalk takes place. Remembering the visit of the Kings to the Holy Family, the chalk is used to bless our houses (*and homes, rooms, flats, schools, classrooms*) for the new year as if the Kings had visited us. At the door we write:

**+ C + M + B +
2 0 1 9**

or, alternatively:

20 + C + M + B + 19

The + denotes God's blessing, CMB refer to the kings Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, and 2019 is the year (or you can use the roman numerals MMXIX if you prefer).

Some interpret CMB to stand for

Christus Mansioni Benedicat!
May Christ bless this house!

When writing the blessing, say the following words:

**The three wise men
Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar
followed the star to Bethlehem
2,019 years ago.
May the Christ Child bless this *home*
throughout the coming year.
In the name of the + Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

St Mary's Centre 01543 579364

Sunday Carvery 12-4pm £6.95

Wednesday Carvery 5.30-8pm 2 for £10

Thursday 5.30-8pm 2 for £10 (OAP £4 each)

Friday 5.30pm-8.30pm from 2 for £10

ALL FUNCTIONS CATERED FOR

Please Pray ...

... The Holy Father's Prayer Intention: Young People and the Example of Mary. That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

... During the Christmas season, please pray for Christians in Bethlehem, the birth place of Jesus, that the Season's Blessings may bring them peace and joy.

... for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)

... for our country, the government and all involved in the difficult discussions and negotiations which have come about after the referendum to leave the European Union: that there may be wisdom and a concern for all in society, especially the most vulnerable

... for Sr Felicitas, standing in, and for Sr Jacinta while she is on holiday

... for the sick or housebound: Brendan Shannon, Don McCulloch, Mary Rowley, Helen Pawlak, Kath Turner, Stella Skillen, Winifride Haynes, Annette Mason, Doris Crabb, Joanne Jeavons, Nicola McCulloch, Celia Hurdiss, Dee Fellows, David Holt, Theresa Hadley, Dr Peter Hayward, Fr Pat Farrelly, June Weatherby.

... for those in our parish receiving communion at home: Mary Kirby, Norah Perry, Peter Clamp, Don and Breeda Hinton, Gerry Marriott, Billie Wyles, Maria Waclawski, Catherine Holloway, Bernard Deakin, Iris Robertson, Mary Casey, Christine Rogers.

... for those undergoing or recovering from treatment or otherwise in particular need of our prayers: Anne Costello, John Morris, Fr Paul Chamberlain, Peter Garnett, Hannah Newborough, Peter Clamp, Kevin O'Mahony, Ray Bishop, Audrey George, Mitek Karasinska, Geoff Tipping, Fred Houghton, Josie Riley, James B, Helen, Michelle & Chris Bell

The Holy Souls

.... for the departed souls of our parish and our families ... for those who have died recently: John Mulcrow, James Murphy, Leanne Lister ... for those with anniversaries about this time: 6th William Rice, Shelagh Gleve, Jean Golik; 7th Bernard Tatton; 8th Sarah Clamp, Peter Nycz; 11th Maggie Gaughan, Susan Miles; 12nd David Rice; 13th James Erangey, James Golding, Norma Rowley.

Thanksgivings

... for Epiphany!
... for family and friends!
... for our schools, their staff and pupils

Full rota is at bit.ly/cannockparishrota

ROTAS	Readers Sat 5pm	Ministers Sat 5pm	Readers Sun 8am	Ministers Sick Visiting	Readers Sun 10.30am	Ministers Sun 10.30am	Counters	Cleaning	Stole Washing
Jan 6th Epiphany	Pat Wilson Doug Bruce	D Gleve, S Weatherby Jo Burrowes & R Cranney	Shirley Weatherby	M Sargeant	Justine Lomas Clare Jackson	P & C Garnett A Gaughan M Harris	G. Keeling, C. Bridges	Team 3 M. Jones, S Clancy G Dockery	Pat Wilson
Jan 13th Baptism of Lord	Sheila Bullivant Colman Whitelaw	Eileen Clancy, Julie Kennedy Pat Johnston, Teresa Smith	Michael Burrowes	D Bruce & C Hunt	Schools	D Gleve, S Weatherby S Clancy, E Sargeant,	E. Clancy, G. Dockery	Team 4 M & B Briggs M Simpson	Pat Wilson