

Thought for the week

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY— Friday 6th January

Chalking the Door of the Home on Epiphany



In Austria and parts of Germany, at Epiphany, people write a special sign in chalk over their front door as a reminder of the Magi that visited the baby Jesus. It's made using the year split in two, with the initials of the names that are sometimes given to the Magi, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, in the middle. So, 2023 is written as: 20+C+M+B+23 The initials

CMB also stand for the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: 'May Christ bless the house'. The inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless the home and be with all those who dwell in it throughout the year.

Prayer as you chalk the lintel of your front door

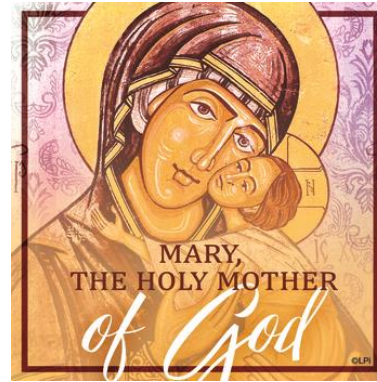
Gather at the front door of your home.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. God of Light, bless our home. Make it a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth and care. And when we go out from this place, may we never lose sight of that Epiphany star. We mark our door with the symbols of the Magi. 20 + C + M + B + 23. May all who enter throughout the year find love and light; for Christ has come to dwell in this home and in our hearts. Amen.

Having marked your door, you may now like to place the Magi figures at the crib while praying the following: Loving Jesus, may we be like the Magi and always look for you in our lives. Be with us, protect us and guide us. Help us to always show your love to one another and to all in need. Amen.

Have a Wonderful Week

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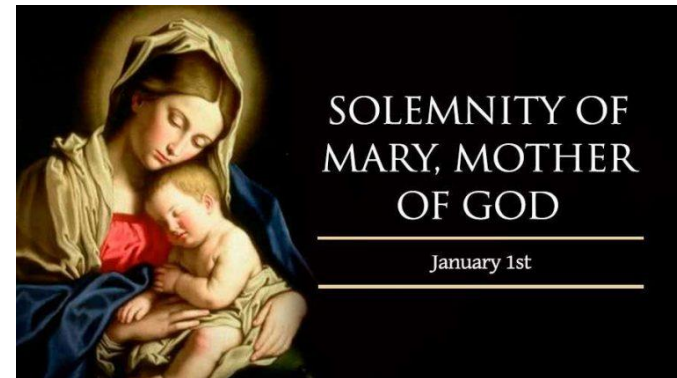
1st. January 2023 The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

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This oldest feast of Mary, comes on the 8th day of the Octave of Christmas, the World Day of Peace and at the start of a new year. It is a powerful reminder to us of the presence of Mary in the life of the Church and in our lives. Mary is our mother, too, and we can turn to her in every moment of need, knowing that she will intercede to God for us. Take time today to pause and think of what Mary means to you personally and to pray a Hail Mary.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Mary, Helper of all in need, pray for us.

ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Saturday 31st. December Ballyconnell 7.30

Helen Dolan, Seskin

Sunday 1st. January Kilquiggan - 9.00

Edward (Ted) Hickey Cronalea, 1st. Anniversary and deceased emembers of Hickey Family. Mary Moran, Kilquiggan; Kathleen Conroy Tinhealy; Theresa and John Keegan, Kilquiggan.

Friday 6th. Ballyconnell 7.30

Daniel & Catherine O'Brien, Knockballystine.

Saturday 7th. Ballyconnell 7.30

Lyla Nanasy, 1st. Anniversary

Sunday 8th. Kilquiggan, 9.00

Theresa Dowse, Month's mind

Martha, Robert and John Foster

Sunday 8th. Clonmore 10.30.

Margaret Dowling Minvaud;

Patrick Connolly Jnr. 1st. Anniversary.

Cecelia Gahan, Ballaghaclay.

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-
Op Lotto

We wish you a safe, happy and peace filled Christmas and New Year
Next lotto draw will take place on Wednesday 4th January 2023. This will
draw be €16,000

Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 1, 3, 21, 32. No Winner.

Next week's jackpot €8,300. Next Draw: Monday 2nd. Jan. in Club House
Lucky Dip Winner: Ann O'Rourke; Johnny Byrne; Paddy and Oscar Byrne; Jane Butler.

NEW YEARS DAY

Irish New Year's Blessing Here's to the bright New Year and a fond farewell to the old. Here's to the things that are yet to come and to the memories that we hold. May God be with you and bless you. May the best of this year be the worst of the next. May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings. May you know nothing but happiness throughout this yea

Try this recipe for a Happy New Year! Take twelve full-grown months free from old memories or bitterness, hate and jealousy. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite. Pick off the little specks of pettiness. See that these months are free and clean as when they came from the storehouse of time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts; the whole batch equals one year. If you try to make up the whole batch at once you may spoil the whole lot. Prepare one day at a time according to this pattern: Into each day put 12 parts of faith, 11 parts of hope, 10 parts of prayer, 9 parts of kindness, 8 parts of patience, 7 parts of work, 6 parts of fidelity, 5 parts of courage, 4 parts of generosity, 3 parts of quiet meditation, 2 parts of good humour and a dash or two or three of fun and play. Put love into the whole batch and mix with enthusiasm. Garnish with smiles and a sprig of cheer. Follow these directions and a happy New Year is guaranteed!

FAREWELL OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

Very soon I will appear before the final judge of my life. Although one may have many reasons for fear and fear when I look back at my long life. I feel however happy because I firmly believe that the Lord is not only the righteous judge but also the friend and brother who has already suffered. That is why as a judge he is also my advocate (Paraclete). In view of the time of judgement, the grace of being a Christian becomes evident for me. Being a Christian gives me the knowledge, and more still, friendship with the judge of my life, and allows me to confidently pass through the dark door of death. In this regard, I am constantly reminded of what St. John says at the beginning of the Book of Revelation: "Contemplate the Son of man in all his greatness; And when I had seen him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying: Fear not. It is me." Dear friends with these sentiments I bless you.

Benedict XVI