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# Epiphany Ceremonies

The Blessing of Chalk &  
The Marking of Homes with Blessed Chalk



*christ, bless this home*

**20 + K + M + B + 19**

# The Blessing of Chalk

on, or near, the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6<sup>th</sup>)

## *After the Gospel*

Priest: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**All: Who has made heaven and earth.**

Priest: The Lord be with you

**All: and also with you**

Priest: Lord God, among the gifts of creation you have given chalk to be of benefit to us all. We call on your holy name to bless + these pieces of chalk. May those who take them and write with them on the doors of their houses the names of your holy Wise Men, Kaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, be aided by their intercession and have a share in their merits; may their bodies be healthy and their souls saved. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**



*The chalk may be sprinkled with Holy Water.*

*It should be made available for the people*

*to take at the end of the eucharist.*

# The Marking of Homes with Blessed Chalk

following the Epiphany Blessing of Chalk

*The lintel of the main door of the home (and other doors at will) is marked by a senior member of the household in the following way:*

**20 + K + M + B + 19**

*while the saying of the following prayer;*

The three Wise Men

**K** Kaspar

**M** Melchior

**B** and Balthasar  
followed the star of God's Son who became man

**20** two thousand

**19** and nineteen years ago

**++** May Christ bless our(my) home

**++** and remain with us through  
the new year.



*Christ, bless this home*

*If others are present, you may continue:*

Almighty God, incline your ear.

Bless us and all who are gathered here.

Send your holy angel who will defend us

and fill with grace all who dwell here. Amen.

*The alternative way, if there is sufficient room near the main door, is to write the names of the Magi in full, followed by "Orate pro nobis" (Pray for us) and decorate the names with crowns.*



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- Blessing after a Registry Office ceremony**
- Prayers at a Civil Partnership**
- House Blessings**
- Blessing of a new home/family**
- Prayers at the time of setting up a new household**
- Prayers before a journey**
- Anointing the Sick – young & elderly**
- Anointing and prayers for healing**
- Prayers with the dying, sitting with the dying**
- Funerals – Requiems**
- Services of Commemoration**
- Renewal of wedding/partnership vows**
- Reconciliation - Personal Confession**

to talk about any of these please contact the Rector

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