

AD 2024:
7th January

The Corby Catholic Parishes of Our Lady of Walsingham and St John Ogilvie

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The Birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem:

NEW: "...She gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:6ff). Let us begin our exegesis with the concluding words of this passage: there was no room for them in the inn. Prayerful reflection over these words has highlighted an inner parallel between this saying and the profoundly moving verse from Saint John's Prologue: "He came to his own home, and his own people received him not" (1:11). For the Saviour of the world, for him in whom all things were created (cf, Colossians 1:16), there was no room. "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head" (Matthew 8:20). ... "Mary wrapped the child in swaddling cloths." Without yielding to sentimentality, we may imagine with what great love Mary approached her hour and prepared for the birth of her child.

Pope Benedict XVI

January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Liturgies this Week

Saturday

6th January

Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this powerful and rarely celebrated liturgy:

4:45pm (OLW) **Blessing of the Epiphany Water and Chalk**

SUNDAY: THE EPIPHANY 7th January

Parish Mass Book: Page 115 or 118 for OLW / Page 48 for SJO

5:30pm (OLW) **VIGIL MASS**

Intention - Priest 1: Lilly Connachie, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Nora Harrington, RIP (Anniv.)

8:30am (OLW) **MASS**

Intention - Priest 1: Margaret Diddams (Intention)

Intention - Priest 2: Gilbert Sullivan (Intention)

10:00am (OLW) **MASS**

Intention - Priest 1: Jim Platt, RIP (Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: Maureen Kitson, RIP

5:00pm (SJO) **MASS**

Intention - Priest 1: Shirley Loughlin, RIP (1st Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: Eilish and John Mulvenna (Intention)

8th January

Monday: The Final Day of Christmastide

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

9:15am (OLW) **Renewal of our Baptismal Promises**

Parish Mass Book: Page 63 & 248

9:30am (OLW) **MASS**

Parish Mass Book: Pages 119

Intention - Priest 1: Poinsettia Sponsorship - our departed loved ones

Intention - Priest 2: Jim Treacy, RIP (3rd Anniv.)

11:00am (OLW) **MASS** for OLW Catholic School

Intention: All pupils, teachers and staff of OLW Primary School

Tuesday *Feria: The First Week of Ordinary Time* 9th January

9:30am (OLW) **MASS**

Intention - Priest 1: Helene Fairburn, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Charles Finch, RIP

11:00am (OLW) Funeral of Paul Anthony O'Neill, RIP

Wednesday *Memoria: The Most Holy Name of Jesus* 10th January

9:30am (OLW) **MASS**

Intention: James and Margaret McCahill, RIP (Anniv.)

Thursday *Feria: The First Week of Ordinary Time* 11th January

9:30am (OLW) **MASS**

Intention - Priest 1: Frances McDevitt, RIP (1st Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: Pro Populo - Transferred from the Epiphany

Friday *Memoria: St Aelred of Rievaulx* 12th January

9:30am (SJO) **MASS**

Intention - Priest 1: Mary and Rod (Intentions)

Intention - Priest 2: John Callaghan (Intention)

10:00am (SJO) Sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation)

Saturday *Votive: Our Lady of Walsingham* 13th January

9:30am (OLW) **MASS**

Intention: Josephine, John and Laurence McCahill, RIP

10:00am (OLW) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00am (OLW) Sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation)

SUNDAY: SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME 14th January

Parish Mass Book: Page 127 for OLW / Page 55 for SJO

5:30pm (OLW) **VIGIL MASS**

Intention - Priest 1: Sadie Bayley, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Margaret and James McCahill, RIP

8:30am (OLW) **MASS**

Intention - Priest 1: Jim Reilly, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: John Hannon (Intention)

10:00am (OLW) **MASS**

Intention - Priest 1: Catherine Duncan, RIP (Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: Frank Maguire, RIP (Anniv.)

5:00pm (SJO) **MASS**

Intention - Priest 1: Bill Price, RIP (2nd Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: Phil Downey (Intention)

OLW: Our Lady of Walsingham Church
SJO: St John Ogilvie Church

The Epiphany *Pro Populo* Mass to be celebrated on 11/01/24.
Ordinary Two *Pro Populo* Mass to be celebrated on 15/01/24.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Paul Anthony O'Neill whose Funeral is at OLW Church, on Tuesday, 9th January AD 2024 at 11:00am.

Mary Mack whose Funeral is at OLW Church, on Thursday, 18th January at 10:00am. The Reception of the Body into Church will take place on Wednesday, 17th January at 4:30pm.

*May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself;
may angels lead you to Abraham's side.
Receive their souls and present them to God the Most High.*

When England goes back to Walsingham, Our Lady will come back to England". *Pope Leo XIII, 1897*

Thank you to all who participated in the solemn Blessing of Epiphany Water! **Epiphany Water** is the most potent form of Holy Water and is sought after by exorcists. Epiphany Water can only be blessed at the Vigil of the Epiphany and with the permission of the diocesan Bishop. The Epiphany Water (and a special card) can be found at the Crib Scene in OLW Church.

Thank you to all who joined us for Holy Mass and the other liturgies on the great "Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God" and thus prayed for our parishes in this New Year 2024.

Thank you to everyone who donated a poinsettia to either Church in memory of a departed loved one; Mass will be offered for these departed souls on Monday, 8th January (see calendar).

To support those in the Holy Land who are most in need any financial offering made at the Christmas Cribs will be given to:



→ The **Renewal of our Baptismal Promises** will take place on Monday, 8th January (i.e. the final day of Christmastide) at 9:15am in OLW as we celebrate Jesus' Baptism. **Do join us!**

Perhaps those who took the **free photographs** of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and of the Wilton Diptych on New Years Day might use these as an aid to prayer for our parishes?

Next weekend - SPUC: "The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children" will be holding its **White Flower Appeal**. This year's appeal calls for the Government to close its pills-by-post abortion policy; as well as ending the lives of precious babies this lacks safeguards against illegal late term abortions and puts mothers at great physical and psychological risk.

Our Lady of Walsingham and St John Ogilvie: Pray for us this Christmastide and in this New Year of Our Lord 2024!

With our prayers as we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus Christ, Fr Christopher, Fr Prasad & Fr Wayne

The lamp in the Chapel of Our Lady of Walsingham Church burns in thanksgiving for the work of the:
Union of Catholic Mothers - UCM



Some members of our local Indian community after Mass on Christmas Day; Mass was offered by Fr Prasad in Telugu.

Blessed chalk will be available after each Epiphany Mass so that we might mark the year (**20 24**), the initials of the Magi (**C M B**), whose names are Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, plus the Lord's Cross (+) on our home as a blessing. This gentle act of witness to Jesus Christ often draws questions from visitors to our home. The initials of the Magi also represent the Latin: "*Christus mansionem benedicat*" = "Christ bless this house".

Prayers for the Epiphany House Blessing:

The leader makes the Sign of the Cross ✠ and all reply: Amen.

The leader greets those present in the following words:

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever. **Blessed be God forever.**

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with His love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love. Blessed be God forever. **Blessed be God forever.**

Reader:

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The leader uses blessed chalk to inscribe above the front door:

20 + C + M + B + 24

As the leader inscribes the above text this can be said: "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" / "May Christ bless this house". After which Holy or Epiphany Water can be sprinkled on the door.

The leader concludes this short liturgy by making the Sign of the Cross upon themselves (and others do the same) and saying: May Christ Jesus ✠ dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. Amen.

*The observance of the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord remind us of our own Holy Baptism; thus, it is suggested by the Diocese that we have a stoup at the main door of our home so that we might sign ourselves with Holy Water as we enter and leave. **The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, # 118.***