

Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Lord, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus, hear us. *Jesus, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,*

God the Holy Ghost,*

Holy Trinity, one God,*

Jesus, Son of the Living God,*

Jesus, Splendour of the Father,*

Jesus, Brightness of eternal light,*

Jesus, King of glory,*

Jesus, Son of justice,*

Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,*

Jesus, most amiable,*

Jesus, most admirable,*

Jesus, the Mighty God,*

Jesus, Father of the world to come,*

Jesus, Angel of great counsel,*

Jesus, most powerful,*

Jesus, most patient,*

Jesus, most obedient,*

Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,*

Jesus, Lover of chastity,*

Jesus, Lover of us,*

Jesus, God of peace,*

Jesus, Author of life,*

Jesus, Example of virtues,*

Jesus, zealous Lover of souls,*

Jesus, our God,*

Jesus, our Refuge,*

Jesus, Father of the poor,*

Jesus, Treasure of the faithful,*

Jesus, Good Shepherd,*

Jesus, true Light,*

Jesus, eternal Wisdom,*

Jesus, infinite Goodness,*

Jesus, our Way and our Life,*

Jesus, Joy of angels,*

Jesus, King of Patriarchs,*

Jesus, Master of the Apostles,*

Jesus, Strength of martyrs,*

Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,*

Jesus, Light of Confessors,*

Jesus, Purity of virgins,*

Jesus, Crown of all saints,*

Be merciful, spare us, O Jesus. *Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Jesus.*

From all evil, *deliver us, O Jesus.***

From all sin,**

From Thy wrath,**

From the snares of the devil,**

From the spirit of fornication,**

From everlasting death,**

From the neglect of Thy inspirations,**

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation,**

By Thy nativity,**

By Thy infancy,**

By Thy most divine life,**

By Thy labours,**

By Thine agony and passion,**

By Thy cross and dereliction,**

By Thy sufferings,**

By Thy death and burial,**

By Thy resurrection,**

By Thine ascension,**

By Thine institution of the Most Holy Eucharist,**

By Thy joys,**

By Thy glory,**

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

Jesus, hear us. *Jesus, graciously hear us.*

Let us pray.

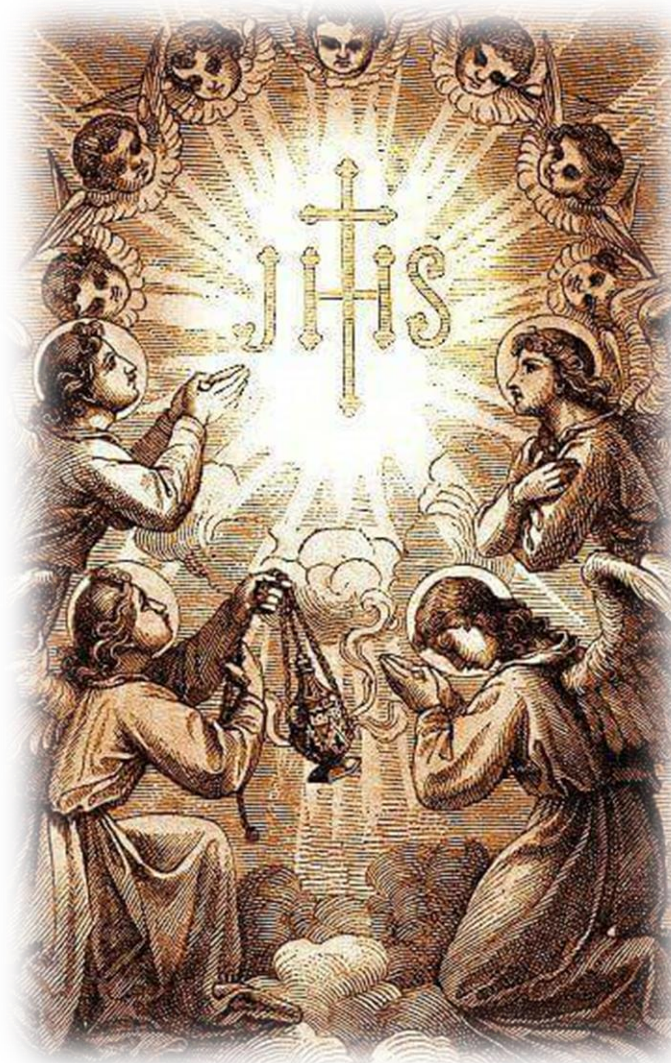
O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast said: ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; mercifully attend to our supplications, and grant us the gift of Thy divine charity, that we may ever love Thee with our whole heart and with all our words and deeds, and may never cease from praising Thee.

Make us, O Lord, to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name, for Thou never failest to help and govern those whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love: Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Mater Dei Latin Mass Community

January 2025

Month of the Holy Name of Jesus



*That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth:
And that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.*

✠ *Philippians 2: 10, 11*

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Epiphany Blessing for Your Homes

20 + C + M + B + 25

The Church has an old custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany (and extended to Candlemas, 2nd Feb). God's blessing is invoked on the home and those who live in or visit it. It is an invitation for Christ, our Lord, to be a daily Guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

Water and chalk blessed on the Feast of the Epiphany are used. Above the home's entryway, **20 + C + M + B + 25** is inscribed with the blessed chalk. The letters C, M, B, have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of The Three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "Christus Mansionem Benedicat", "Christ Bless this Mansion/House/Home". The "+" signs represent the Cross of Christ and 2025 is the year.

If you would like the Epiphany Blessing for your home, Father may be contacted to arrange for a suitable date & time (see pg. 2). Likely to be some opportunity for a brief visit, too, but, please, no fussing. Perhaps just a hot cup of coffee ☺.

SUNDAY MASS

10:30 AM

Daily Masses *see page 3

Sacrament of Penance : Confession time is one hour prior to all scheduled Masses, or by appointment.

Other Sacraments / Requiems (funerals) / Inquiries : Please contact office.

All Masses are offered at St. Michael Church – 48 William Av, Coniston

*****THE HOLY ROSARY IS RECITED PUBLICLY 40 MINUTES PRIOR TO ALL MASSES. OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN (UNDER USUAL CONDITIONS) A PLENARY INDULGENCE.**

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

To complete, one must: receive Holy Communion, in the state of grace, on **NINE CONSECUTIVE FIRST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH**, in honour of, and, for reparation to, the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion includes:

- 4PM ~ Holy Hour with Exposition, Acts of Consecration & Reparation, Litany of the SHJ, Adoration & Solemn Benediction
- 5PM ~ Confessions
- 5:20 ~ Rosary
- 6PM ~ SHJ Votive Mass (as the Ordo permits)



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

To complete, one must: receive Holy Communion, in the state of grace, on **FIVE CONSECUTIVE FIRST SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH**, in honour of, and, for reparation to, the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Devotion includes:

- 10AM ~ Confessions
 - 10:20 ~ Rosary
 - 11AM ~ IHM Votive Mass (as the Ordo permits)
- After Mass:** Acts of Consecration & Reparation, Litany of the BVM (Loreto), & Keeping our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary.



Candlemas (40th Day of Christmastide)

~ Feast of The Purification of
The Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, 2nd February, 10:30 AM

*The faithful who desire blessed their
BEESWAX ONLY CANDLES,
please put them on the first pew on both sides.*

Prayer for a Husband or Wife

O God, who hast ordained and sanctified the holy estate of matrimony, for replenishing the earth, for mutual consolation, and as a type of the union of Christ and His Church; give me grace both thankfully to accept its blessings, and carefully to fulfil its duties. I beseech Thee continually to bless our union, and to enable us to live together in peace and love, in the faithful discharge of all our duties to Thee, and to each other. Deliver us from every evil temper, from every heedless action, which may in any way weaken or embitter the sacredness of that tie by which thou hast bound us together, and which can never be severed. Make me faithful and affectionate, studious to please, and ready to deny my own will and inclination in all things. Let not the trials and crosses of this life induce me to murmur, nor any earthly blessings cause me to forget Thee, the Author and Giver of all; but by patience and meekness, by prayer and thankfulness, may all things be sanctified unto me, and fit me for eternal union with Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Parents, for Themselves and for Their Children

O Father of mankind, who hast given unto me these my children, and committed them to my charge to bring them up for Thee, and to prepare them for everlasting life; assist me with Thy heavenly grace, that I may be able to fulfil this most sacred duty and stewardship. Teach me both what to give, and what to withhold; when to reprove, and when to forbear: make me to be gentle, yet firm; considerate and watchful: and deliver me equally from the weakness of indulgence, and excess of severity; and grant that, both by word and example, I may be careful to lead them in the ways of wisdom and true piety; so that at last I may, with them be admitted to the unspeakable joys of our true home in heaven, in the unity of the blessed angels and saints, where Thou, O Father, with Jesus, Thy only-begotten Son, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God forever and ever. Amen.

O Heavenly Father, I commend my children unto Thee. Be Thou their God and Father; and mercifully supply whatever is wanting in me, through frailty or negligence. Strengthen them to overcome the corruptions of the world, to resist the solicitations of evil, whether from within or without; and deliver them from the secret snares of the enemy. Pour Thy grace into their hearts, and confirm and multiply in them the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may daily grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ: and so faithfully serving Thee here, may come to rejoice before Thee hereafter; through the merits of the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest. Amen.

(NPM = No Public Mass)

- 01 WED, 10:30 AM – OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY
- 02 1st Thu, 10:30 AM – Jesus Christ the High Priest (Votive)
- 03 1st Fri, 6:00 PM – Sacred Heart of Jesus (Votive)
- 04 1st Sat, 11:00 AM – Immaculate Heart of Mary (Votive)
- 05 SUN, 10:30 AM – HOLY NAME OF JESUS
- 06 Mon, 10:30 AM – Epiphany of the Lord
- 07 Tue, NPM – Mass of the Holy Angels (Votive)
- 08 Wed, NPM – Mass of St. Joseph (Votive)
- 09 Thu, NPM – Mass of the Holy Sacrament (Votive)
- 10 Fri, 6:00 PM – Mass of the Holy Cross (Votive)
- 11 Sat, 11:00 AM – Saturday of Our Lady
- 12 SUN, 10:30 AM – HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH
- 13 Mon, NPM – Baptism of the Lord
- 14 Tue, NPM – St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor
- 15 Wed, NPM – St. Paul the First Hermit, Confessor
- 16 Thu, NPM – St. Marcellus I, Pope & Martyr
- 17 Fri, 6:00 PM – St. Anthony, Abbot
- 18 Sat, 11:00 AM – Saturday of Our Lady
- 19 SUN, 10:30 AM – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
- 20 Mon, NPM – Sts. Fabian, Pope & Sebastian, Martyrs
- 21 Tue, NPM – St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
- 22 Wed, NPM – Sts. Vincent & Anastasius, Martyrs
- 23 Thu, NPM – St. Raymond of Penafort, Confessor
- 24 Fri, 6:00 PM – St. Timothy, Bishop & Martyr
- 25 Sat, 11:00 AM – The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
- 26 SUN, 10:30 AM – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
- 27 Mon, NPM – St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor
- 28 Tue, 6:00 PM – St. Peter Nolasco, Confessor
- 29 Wed, 6:00 PM – St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor
- 30 Thu, 6:00 PM – St. Martina, Virgin & Martyr
- 31 Fri, 6:00 PM – St. John Bosco, Confessor

The Most Holy Name of Jesus – Feast: 5 January



The Second Sunday after the Epiphany, which recalls the Marriage feast of Cana, was at first chosen as the day on which to honour the Most Holy Name of **Jesus**. It is on the wedding day that the bridegroom gives his name to the bride, and it is the sign that, from that day forward, she belongs to him alone. The Church, therefore, wishing to honour a Name so precious to her with a special feast, could find no day more appropriate for it than that of the Marriage at Cana. But now she has chosen for the celebration of this august Name, a day closer to the anniversary on which it was given: "after eight days were accomplished, His name was called **Jesus**." She leaves, however, the commemoration of the sacred nuptials to the Sunday of which it has ever been the glory. In the Old Covenant, the Name of God inspired fear and awe: nor was the honour of pronouncing it granted to all the children of Israel. We can understand this. God had not yet come down from heaven to live on earth, and converse with men; He had not yet taken upon Himself our poor nature, and become Man like ourselves; the sweet Name expressive of love and tenderness, could not be applied to Him. But, when the fullness of time had come—when the mystery of love was about to be revealed—then did heaven send down the Name of "**Jesus**" to our earth, as a pledge of the speedy coming of Him Who was to bear it. The Archangel Gabriel said to Mary: Thou shalt call His Name **Jesus**. "**Jesus**" means Saviour. How sweet will this Name not be to poor lost man! It seems to link earth to heaven! No name is so amiable, none is so powerful. Every knee in heaven, on earth, and in hell, bows in adoration at hearing this Name! And yet, who can pronounce It, and not feel love spring up within his heart? The feast of the Holy Name is of comparatively recent origin. Its first promoter was St. Bernardine of Siena, who lived in the fifteenth century. This holy man established the practice of representing the Holy Name of Jesus surrounded with rays, and formed into a monogram of its three first letters, IHS. The custom spread rapidly through Italy, and was zealously propagated by the great St. John of Capistrano, who, like St. Bernardine of Siena, was of the Order of Friars Minor. The Holy See gave its formal approbation to this manner of honouring the Name of our Saviour, and, in the early part of the sixteenth century, Pope Clement VI, after long entreaties, granted to the whole Franciscan Order the privilege of keeping a special Feast in honour of the Most Holy Name of **Jesus**. Rome extended the same favour to various Churches; and, at length, the Feast was inserted in the universal Calendar. It was in the year 1721, at the request of Charles VI, Emperor of Germany, that Pope Innocent XII decreed that the Feast of the Most Holy Name of **Jesus** should be kept throughout the whole Church; he also chose the Second Sunday after the Epiphany as the day, but as we have already explained, the feast is now fixed for the Sunday following the Circumcision.

~ Commentary from *The Liturgical Year* by Dom Prosper Guéranger, O.S.B. (1805-1875).

The Epiphany of the Lord – Feast: 6 January

"We have seen His star, and are come to adore Him." – Matthew 2: 2

The festival of the Epiphany, also called the Feast of the Holy Three Kings, is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church of God; and from the very earliest ages was celebrated with special rejoicing by the children of the Catholic Church. We find the cause for this in the fact that this feast is associated with the remembrance of the greatest graces in which the faithful in every nation of the earth rejoice, namely, their call to the only saving faith, the Holy Catholic Church.

We learn from sacred history, that in the early days of Christianity this feast was celebrated with greater solemnity even than Christmas, the birthday of our Lord Himself; for as the Church exclaims in her joy on Holy Saturday: "*Of what use would it be for us to be born if we had not been made partakers of the benefits of redemption?*" So might we cry out: "*Of what use to us would it be to possess all the goods and pleasures of the world, if the grace of being called to the true faith had not been granted to us through the mercy of God?*"

The Three Kings with their attendants, prostrate at the feet of the **Infant Jesus**, were the firstlings of the heathens who acknowledged **Jesus**, and entered His Church. As we reflect upon the great happiness vouchsafed to them, the question forces itself upon us: "*Why do not all nations likewise enjoy a participation in their happiness?*" My answer is: "*Because they do not look upward with the same love of truth to the star of the Magi*".

***O Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, Mother of the King of kings, obtain for us, from your divine Son, hearts deeply penetrated with the love of truth!
I speak in the Most Holy Name of Jesus, for the greater glory of God!***

Christ, before Whom the Three Magi knelt, calls Himself the King of Truth. He calls His kingdom, the Church, a kingdom of truth; consequently, whosoever will enter His kingdom, and find therein salvation must love truth and seek it; then he will find it, follow it, and through its influence attain salvation. It was thus that the hearts of the Magi were disposed; therefore they learned to know **Jesus** and the truth contained in His Church, to live in her spirit, propagate the kingdom of Christ, and at last to enter the realm of His glory.

They saw the star, knew its signification, and followed it. Why? They loved truth. Had not this been the case, the Annunciation of the Birth of our Saviour through the Star would not have excited so much interest in them. Had they not loved truth more than the goods and pleasures of this world, which, as crowned heads, they possessed in abundance, they would not have undertaken, at the cost of so much self-sacrifice, to seek for Christ. But they were more interested in obtaining the truth of salvation, in beholding the coming Teacher of nations, in learning to honour and adore Him, than in all the treasures of the world. Their resolution to search for Him was sublimely heroic.

~ Commentary by Father Francis Xavier Weninger, 1876