

# Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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## Epiphany Blessing of Homes at the Start of the Year

The custom of blessing the home on the feast of Epiphany is found in many cultures. This custom has us mark the front doorway with C-M-B, the initials of the magi's traditional names (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and the year. C-M-B also stands for *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless this dwelling".

Using the blessed chalk, mark the current year and the initials of the Maji above the outside doorways of your home. Place a cross between each of the letters. It should look something like this:

**20+C+M+B+26**

After completing the above markings, pray the following prayer: *May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord of all people, forever and ever. Amen.*

**The Epiphany of the Lord (Tues January 6<sup>th</sup>):** is a holyday of obligation for us. Mass will be celebrated in St. Brigid's at 10am & 7pm.

**Conclusion of the Jubilee of Hope:** On Sunday, 4 January, at 5.30 pm, in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, Archbishop Eamon will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving to conclude the Jubilee Year in our diocese. All are welcome.

Parish Mass Times	
6pm Sat Vigil St. Kevin's	
7.30pm Sat Vigil St. Brigid's	
10.30am Sun St. Finian's	
11.30am Sun St. Brigid's	
Mon-Sat 10am St. Brigid's	
Mass Intentions This Week	
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6pm	Christmas Mass Intentions
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm	Av. Breeden Mathews
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Pro Populo (for the people of the parish)
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> 11.30am	Av. Brigid Healy; Av. Jack & Carmel O'Byrne
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Av. Eoin Carney
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	MM Michael Hughes; Av. Thomas & Bridgid Flynn & Kathleen Farrell; Av. Geraldine Crehan, Kathleen, Joe & Patricia Meehan
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> 11.30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Av. Des Kenny; Av. Nuala, Ollie & John Reilly; Av. Oliver Pluck; Av. Benny & Paddy Carrie
Recently Deceased	Eddie Rogers; Pete Flood; Maureen McCabe; Michael Hughes

**Parish Envelopes 2026:** Distributors and those who would like to help this year are kindly asked to collect envelopes from the parochial house as soon as possible please. If you can help distribute in your area, please contact Fr. Damien.

**Stamp Appeal:** If you have any used stamps from cards, parcels, etc. at this time of year, you might consider leaving them in the boxes at the back of our churches for a worthy cause.

