

6. **THE ANGELUS:**

**V:** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary;  
**R:** AND SHE CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**V:** Hail MARY, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, JESUS.

**R:** HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR US SINNERS, NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH. AMEN.

**V:** Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

**R:** BE IT DONE UNTO ME, ACCORDING TO THY WORD. HAIL MARY, ...

*(Please, if you can, try and genuflect, kneel, or bow deeply, for this next verse...)*

**V:** AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH;

**R:** AND DWELT AMONGST US. HAIL MARY, ...

**V:** Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;

**R:** THAT WE MAY BE MADE WORTHY OF THE PROMISES OF CHRIST.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

**R:** AMEN.

*(Please, pray this at 6:00am, 12 noon, and at 6:00pm, or at least, when you rise in the morning, at your midday, and early evening, to sanctify and make your day holy, in remembrance of Christ's Incarnation.)*

**SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE  
ROSARY PRAYER PROJECT**

*Everyone is warmly invited to join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative,*

**PRAYING A DECADE OF THE ROSARY EACH DAY FOR PRIESTS AND PARISHES IN THEIR DEANERY.**

*For details see the poster on the noticeboard, pick up an invitation leaflet at the back of church or email:*

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**PILGRIMS OF HOPE  
TOWARDS 7TH JUNE 2025**

**HOLY MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL,** defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER:**

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day (or night) be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule and guide. Amen.



3. **+ J. M. J. + JESUS, + MARY, and + JOSEPH +**  
*Newsletter Supplement: 5th January A. D. 2025*  
**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)**

**The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts.**

*On the Epiphany of the Lord, after the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to this formula:*

KNOW, DEAR BRETHREN, (brothers and sisters,) that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of His Resurrection, Who is our Saviour.

On the 5th day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 20th day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On (Thursday) the 29th day of May will be the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 8th day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On (Sunday) the 22nd day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 30th day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of  
**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,**  
TO WHOM IS HONOUR AND GLORY for ever and ever. AMEN.

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*THE VISIT OF THE MAGI. THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD. THE WEDDING FEAST OF CANA.*

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**A SUMMARY OF SOME OF YOUR "THANK YOU" PRAYERS FOR 2024:**

**Thank You God:**

- for the love and support of family and friends, and parishioners of St Mary's, particularly through difficult times,
- for the loved ones we have lost in the past year who have meant so much to us,
- for the healing power of Your love and for good health in the past year,
- for peace in heart and mind and for peace in the places we call home,
- for the gift of new born babies, whether sons or daughters or grandchildren and their safe delivery,
- for the sacraments and graces of the Catholic church that bring us forgiveness and healing,
- for being able to attend Mass again after a period of absence due to illness,
- for opportunities in life, for new jobs and for success in exams,
- for your presence in our lives and for prayers answered,
- for providing for all our needs,
- for the beautiful world that we live in,
- for the gift of life itself as we begin a new year.

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**A SHORTER BLESSING OF HOMES – EPIPHANY A. D. 2025**

*The Mother of the household may light a candle and says:*

May the light of Christ shine in our home and in our hearts!

**Leader:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** AMEN.

**Leader:** Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

**ALL:** NOW AND FOREVER.

**READING OF THE WORD OF GOD:**

**Reader:** Brothers and sisters,  
let us listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

*(Luke 19:1-9)*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see Him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed Him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house,' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody, I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham.

**Reader:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL:** PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

**PRAYER OF BLESSING:**

**Leader:** Lord God of heaven and earth,  
You revealed Your only-begotten Son  
to every nation  
by the guidance of a star.  
Bless this house  
and all who live here.  
Fill them with the Light of Christ,  
that their concern for others  
may reflect Your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** AMEN.

The home and all present in it may be sprinkled with **HOLY WATER**  
**from the Baptismal Font on the left of the Sanctuary**  
**in St Mary of the Crays' Church.**

*A song:*  
My heart, my mind,  
my body, my soul,  
I give to You:  
take control.  
I give you my body,  
a living sacrifice,  
Lord, take control,  
take control.

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**Leader:** Let this water call to mind  
our baptism into Christ,  
Who by His death and  
resurrection has  
redeemed us.

**CONCLUSION:**

**Leader:**  
May Christ live with us,  
keep us free from all harm,  
and make us one in mind  
and heart, now and forever.

**AMEN.**

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***EPIPHANY-TIDE IS A TIME  
FOR BLESSING HOMES and  
other buildings by marking the  
lintels of the doorways with  
blessed chalk. The traditional  
marking commemorates the  
three Magi (traditionally  
named: Caspar, Melchior  
and Balthasar) and gives the  
calendar year already recently  
begun. The markings for this  
year are:***

**“20 + C + M + B + 25”**  
*(the three initials of the Magi's  
names between the number of  
the year, separated by four  
crosses). The letters could also  
stand for*

*a Latin blessing:*

**CHRISTUS,  
MANSIONEM  
BENDICAT.**

*in English:*

**MAY CHRIST  
BLESS  
THE HOUSE.**

**+ J. M. J. +  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph.  
Epiphany Sunday  
5th January 2025**


**20 + C + M + B + 25**

**BLESSING OF CHALK ON  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:**

**V/:** Our help is in  
the Name of the Lord,  
**R/:** WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

**V/:** The Lord be with you.  
**R/:** AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

**Priest:**

Bless,  O Lord God, this  
creature — chalk to render  
it helpful to men. Grant that they  
who use it in faith and with it in-  
scribe upon the entrance of their  
homes the names of Thy saints,  
Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar  
may through their merits and in-  
tercession enjoy health of body  
and protection of soul. Through  
Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*The Chalk is then sprinkled  
with Holy Water.*

