

Blessing of your home

This blessing is done on the front door of your home with chalk. This tradition goes back to the story of Moses in the Bible when the Israelites were asked to put the blood of a lamb or goat over the door to their homes. This year, the blessing will look like this:



The first number represents the first two numbers of the year and 22 is the last two numbers of the year. The letters in the middle are the initials of the kings; Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. It also translates in a Latin blessing **CHRISTIUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAL** and that means “may Christ bless this house”. As a family, stand together outside your home as one person using a piece of chalk writes the symbols over the door. (adapted from Catholic Icing)

Pray together: “Dear God, we pray for all those in this house as they come and go that you will keep them safe but also help them to live like you. We pray that we will fill your presence with us as we leave our home. Guide, strengthen and comfort us and all who enter our home. We ask this through Jesus our Lord, Amen.”