



St. Bede's Catholic School &
Byron Sixth Form College

Monday 8th January

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Epiphany of the Lord



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Mission Statement

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We take a few moments of stillness to ready our hearts and minds.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



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Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, we ask the Lord to be with us as we begin a new week.

God our Father, today we remember the arrival of the Wise Men at the crib. Through them you show us that your love reaches to all places and all people. Help us to reach out in faith and love too, so that others may know that we are all your children. We make this prayer through Christ, your Son.
Amen.



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This week's theme is the Epiphany of the Lord. We will listen to readings from scripture that remind us of ways in which joy has been shown in the bible.

On Friday we have our end of term Celebration of the Word. This focuses on Christ who is the light of the world and wants to be the light in our lives.



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Reading: Matthew 2:1-11



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Reflection

Matthew 2:1-12 describes the arrival in Jerusalem of a group of wise men, sometime after Jesus' birth. They are responding to the sight of a "star" in the night sky, leading them to conclude the "king of the Jews" had been born. King Herod is troubled by this news and sends them to Bethlehem. He does this because his real goal is to find out where Jesus is so that he can kill him. Herod is afraid that this child will take away his power and influence over the people. The Wise Men realise this (they have an Epiphany) so do not return back to Herod.



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Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, we ask the Lord to be with us as we begin a new day.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is
the fruit of thy womb Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.**

Amen



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Reading: Luke 2: 8-20 - A reading from Luke



<https://youtu.be/bUpwpl8-Jbl>



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Reflection:

In the reading today we saw that God has a very special announcement to make, yet He chooses some unlikely people to share this news with. God (through an angel) is announcing the birth of Jesus but rather than go to really important and powerful people the angel appears first to a bunch of shepherds hanging out in a field with their sheep.

Ask: What can we learn about God from the fact that a bunch of lowly shepherds were the first ones to hear about the birth of the Saviour of the world?

One thing we can learn from this is that God loves all people, no matter what kind of status they may have in the world. The angel announced that Jesus would be a saviour for *all* people, not just important, powerful people.



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Wednesday 10th January

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Let us put ourselves in the presence of God as we make the sign of the cross.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



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Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, let us pray together the prayer Our Father taught us:

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is
in Heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses.**

**As we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead
us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil**

Amen



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Thursday 11th January

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Our Father ...



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Friday 12th January

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Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, we ask the Lord to be with us as we begin a new week.

*Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi;*

*That we too may be led into your presence
and worship you, the Child of Mary, the
Word of the Father, the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind.*

Amen.



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Reading: Isaiah 60: 1 – 6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Reflection

This reading from Isaiah is the traditional Old Testament reading for Epiphany. It tells of a light in Jerusalem that all nations are drawn to. That light is not a physical light but represents Jesus and now ourselves. We can be the light if we go out and live our lives the way that Jesus asked.



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