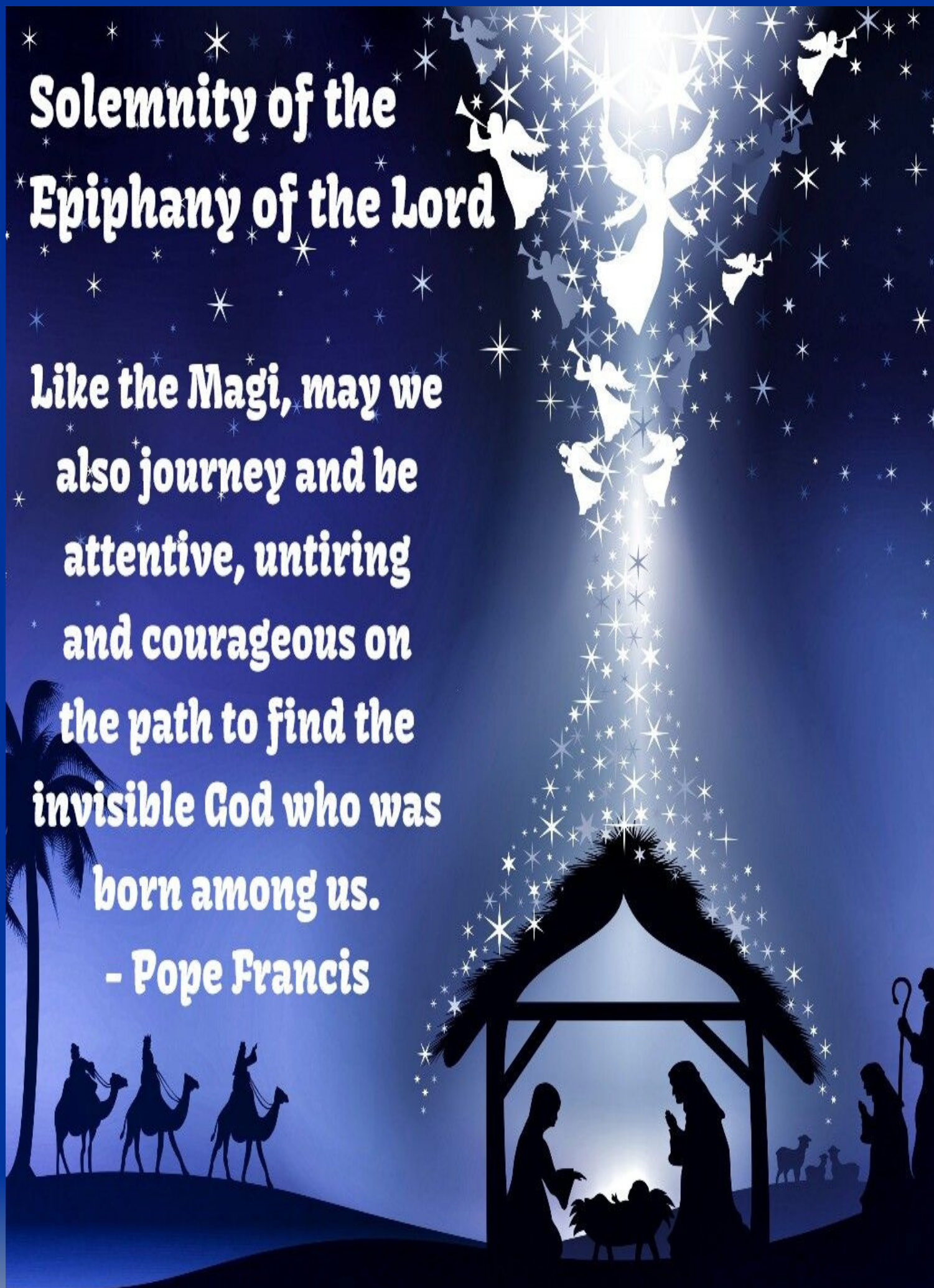


# **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Like the Magi, may we  
also journey and be  
attentive, untiring  
and courageous on  
the path to find the  
invisible God who was  
born among us.**

**- Pope Francis**





# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**The Epiphany of the Lord 1-2 January 2022**

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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## **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH PHONE NUMBER**

Please note we have transitioned to the NBN

phone number of **70369395** permanently.

Please delete the old numbers from your phone directories. They are now disconnected.

We welcome the opening up of our places of worship and opportunities for gathering but remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious. We also look forward to the time when all people can join together in various locations, and for the many activities that truly unite us fully as communities.

Readings, Prayers of Intercession and a Gospel reflection are included in the word, which is available from the parish web site:

[www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter)

Recorded Masses available at: [www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources)

Important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters are available on the website:

[www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

**PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE: 70369395**

**Email: [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)**

Please contact us if you have any enquiries. Please note: The office will be unattended until Tuesday 11 January 2022, however, phone messages and emails will still be monitored.

## **IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Leonard Maynes, Brian Morrison, Allan Barr, Greg Ryan, Betty McKenna, Frances Dawson and Dot Bresnan

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:** Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Kerry O'Leary, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Enio Bordignon, John Hogan

**Readings this week: Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2.1-12**

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

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From 26 December, Weekend Masses will be celebrated on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 9am.

**QR check will be required. NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

As Fr Arsenio will be taking some leave, Weekday Masses will not be celebrated during January.

You will need to bring your mobile phone to all masses to use the QR code system. If you do not have a phone, or your phone does not work with the QR system, there will be a welcomer on duty to assist.

Please arrive early to ensure you register and are seated well before Father is ready to commence Mass.

All Masses will continue to be celebrated under guidelines, which have been approved by Archbishop Comensoli.

**Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.**

The restrictions are as follows:

- **QR check in on arrival.**
- **Masks must be worn for those aged 8+.**
- **Sanitize your hands on arrival.**
- **Sanitise your hands as you approach Father for communion.**

Communion during covid-19 at this time may only be taken by hand.

For those who might like to read the Archdiocesan Guidelines for parishes, they can be found on the CAM website: [melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines](https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines)

#### Collection Notice

For information on the Parish's policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to:  
<https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice>



**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY**  
Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm  
**Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ**  
Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio

Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: [ambrose\\_cornelio@hotmail.com](mailto:ambrose_cornelio@hotmail.com) for inclusion weekly.

#### **Charismatic Prayer Group**

Please note that Tuesday evening's Charismatic Prayer Group which is held in the Chapel 8-9.30 pm will resume next year on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.



## Holy Spirit Parish Vision

At Holy Spirit Parish, we are an inviting community inspired by the Holy Spirit; welcoming everyone to worship, grow, belong and serve together as Disciples of Christ.



Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

### EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 3rd-9th January 2022

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church

SUNDAY THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church

### HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 8th-9th January 2022

Web: [www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters](http://www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters)

#### Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Jacek Holewa 9.00 am: Silvio Volombello

#### Lectors:

6.00 pm: Vin Dwyer 9.00 am: Linda Parlee

#### Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Dale Sebire and Maureen Taffe

9.00 am: Shelah Batson

Tea & Coffee: 6.00 pm: Bill and Trish Lanigan 9.00 am:

### **Holy Spirit Web Site - [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au):**

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page

### PARISH DATA BASE UPDATE

Please remember to advise the parish staff of your current phone and email details so we can update our database. You can either return the data sheet sent to you or email: [Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)  
Thank you.

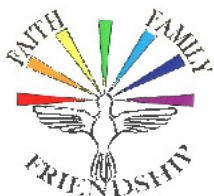
Daily Mass Books 2022 are available for \$25. Please contact Jenny: 70369395  
[jenny.philp@cam.org.au](mailto:jenny.philp@cam.org.au) if you would like to get a copy.

On the Journey this week: We continue our Spirit of Christmas with three reflections on various aspects of the Epiphany with Fr David Catterall, Monica Doumit and Fr Mark De Battista. Mother Hilda explains why a monastic rule is all about gift from God. Fr Mike Delaney finds two hills that explain teamwork while on a winery tour. Plus, Darren McDowell on empowering others. And more great music!

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# *Holy Spirit Parish 50th anniversary*



Come and Celebrate 50 Years of Spirit  
Sunday 27 March 2022  
11:00 AM Celebration Mass  
BYO lunch

It is a time to enjoy viewing photos and videos of  
times past and reminisce on the good times!  
And most importantly catch up with old friends  
and meet new ones.



## **Holy Spirit Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Spread the Word**

Our parish – our community - will be fifty years old next year 2022. We are planning a celebration on Sunday 27 March 2022. We want this to be a wonderful, joyous coming together of all those who are, or have been a part of this wonderful community.

For now, we would like you to spread the word about this upcoming event when you catch up with old friends or past parishioners during this festive season. Also, let them know that we will be seeking people's stories, anecdotes, remembrances of special occasions, photos etc, and to start thinking about them.

We would like everyone to contribute, including those who may not have held any official role, or been part of any of the parish groups - those go-to people who always said yes when asked to assist.

We will advise details of where contributions can be sent to later.

Please get in touch with us on [hsparish50@gmail.com](mailto:hsparish50@gmail.com) if you would like to assist with planning, or if you have any questions.

*Holy Spirit Parish Anniversary Team*

## **Holy Spirit 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Conversation Cards**

Cards are available now to write today and place in the return box, or to take home for other family and friends that you will be catching up with over the Christmas season.

If you can't do cards, email your stories: [hs50@holyspiritparish.org.au](mailto:hs50@holyspiritparish.org.au), write or post to the Parish House. We can scan most things.

What to write? Any, or all, of the list below, and anything else you can think of!

Approximate dates of your time in parish, any office held, or group you belonged to. Memories of good times or bad. Your funniest memory, the people you remember and why? What does/has Holy Spirit mean to you?

Thank you for helping to make this celebration a joyous memory of our past for our future parishioners.



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

*Dear Friends in Christ. The Wise Men from the East followed the guiding light of God's Presence and found Christ, the Saviour. Let us come confidently before God, opening ourselves to the gifts of God's abundant grace.*

We pray that we may continuously search for the true light of Christ and follow his way faithfully wherever the Spirit leads us. Lord hear us.

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

We pray for a new awareness of the many gifts and graces that we have; that like the Wise Men, we may praise and thank God for them and use them in the service of others. Lord hear us.

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

We pray for all who are searching for meaning and purpose in their lives; may Christ's continuing message of new light and life be made known to them through the people and circumstances of their lives. Lord hear us.

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

That we may recognize and respect God's presence in the natural environment of our world and the many unexpected events of our lives that lead us to a deeper relationship with Christ. Lord hear us.

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

We pray for all migrants, refugees and people looking for new beginnings; that Christians everywhere will welcome them and help them find new homes and relationships. Lord hear us.

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Leonard Maynes, Brian Morrison, Allan Barr, Greg Ryan, Betty McKenna, Frances Dawson and Dot Bresnan. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. Lord hear us.

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

**St. Alphonsus Liguori**



## **REFLECTION The Epiphany of the Lord**

*"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (MATTHEW 2:11)*

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 60.1-6

*The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!
- 2 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.
- 3 Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

**R.** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice. **R.**
- 7 In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- 8 May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R.**

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

- 11 May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service. **R.**
- 12 For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.
- 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

*Now the mystery has been revealed:  
now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

2 Surely you have already heard  
of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,  
3 and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation.  
5 In former generations  
this mystery was not made known to humanity  
as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets  
by the Spirit:  
6 that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs,  
members of the same body,  
and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Matthew 2.2

Alleluia, Alleluia  
We have seen his star in the east;  
and have come to adore the Lord  
Alleluia

## GOSPEL

Matthew 2.1-12

*We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,  
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,  
2 "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?  
For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."  
When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;  
4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people,  
he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.  
5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:  
6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"  
7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time  
when the star had appeared.  
8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,  
"Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him,  
bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."  
9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them,  
went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.  
10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.  
11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother;  
and they knelt down and paid him homage.  
Then, opening their treasure chests,  
they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,  
they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

