

My Sunday Mass Page

Sunday, 3 January 2027 · Matthew 2:1-12



1 Today's Gospel

The Magi: Following the Star to the King

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in the days of King Herod, **magi** came from the East to Jerusalem asking, "Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We saw His **star** as it rose and have come to do Him homage." King Herod was troubled. Learning that the prophet had named Bethlehem, he sent the magi there.

The star went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the Child was, and they were overjoyed. Going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they knelt down and **worshipped** Him. They offered Him gold, frankincense and myrrh. Then, warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they went home by another way.

Epiphany means showing. God shows that Jesus is the Saviour of **all nations**. The **gifts** tell us who He is: gold for a King, incense for God, and myrrh, a hint that He would one day give His life for us. Like the magi, we are invited to seek Jesus, worship Him with joy, and let meeting Him change the way we go.

Big idea! Jesus is **the light for every nation**, so like the magi, we seek Him and **offer Him our best**.

Listen at Mass: In the first reading, Isaiah says "*Arise, shine out, for your light has come*" and sees people bringing gold and incense!

Go deeper: Read Isaiah 60:1-6 and spot two things that match the magi's story. The Catechism calls the magi the first of the nations to come and worship Jesus as Saviour of the world (CCC 528).

2 Think It Through

Answer in a sentence or two.

1. What did the magi do when they found Jesus with Mary?

2. Why does it matter that the magi came from far away?

3. What gift could you offer Jesus this week?

3 My Prayer

Offer Jesus a gift from your heart, or pray for people far away.

Dear Lord Jesus,

4 Three Gifts

Draw three gift boxes for Jesus and label each with a gift you can give Him.

Ideas: time to pray · patience with a brother or sister · kind words · sharing your toys · singing your best at Mass

"We saw His star as it rose and have come to do Him homage." **Matthew 2:2**