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The Epiphany of the Lord



INTRODUCTION

The solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, marks the manifestation of Jesus to the gentiles – those far away. The story of Herod wanting to do away with the new born King, reflects the situation in our world today that wants to live without God. We are invited to look at how eager we ourselves are, to accept Jesus and His teaching, so as to practise the same faithfully, in our Christian lives.

READINGS:

First reading: Is 60:1-6
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: The child born on Christmas Day is the Lord and Saviour of the whole universe. We come to adore and lay our lives before his presence, as we bring to Him all our intentions, saying:

RESPONSE: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Bishops, clergy and religious: that they may be like the shining star, leading the faithful to the manger of peace, unity and love, we pray...

For our political leaders and all those in authority: that they may welcome people of all walks of life and all religious beliefs, irrespective of the numerous differences that exist among us, we pray...

For our Christian community: that we may worship and adore the Lord, laying all that we have before him; and more especially bringing the good news of our catholic faith to our brothers and sisters, we pray...

For the sick and suffering, and those facing the uncertainty of life, due to the Corona virus, that we may experience the healing and comfort of the Lord in moments of difficulty, we pray...

For our personal needs and intentions [pause], we pray...

CELEBRANT: Loving Father, as the star guided the wise men to pay respect and homage to your divine Son, make us worthy to live in His presence all through our lives. Through the same Christ our Lord. **AMEN**