

The Epiphany
January 6th



A Suggestion might be to do over intercom for the whole school and be led by the school principal or as a class with teacher leading it

Principal/ Teacher: We begin our prayer, 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen'

The wise men followed the bright star that led them to the place where Jesus was born. They recognised Jesus as the Son of God. We celebrate that today on the 6th of January, this feast is called The Epiphany. In Ireland this day is also called Nollaig na mBan, Women's Christmas. Let us celebrate the Light of Christ that Jesus, who is the light, will help us bring the light of his love to others.

Principal/Teacher/ pupil: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 2:9-12).

"And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshipped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and presented them to him. Then they returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers (read by **principal/ teacher or pupils**)

1. Today we remember the joyful story of Jesus' birth and how the three wise men came in praise of the birth of Jesus. We pray that the light of Christ may guide us to love and serve others. R/ May the light of Christ shine in our hearts
2. We remember how Mary and Joseph welcomed all into their hearts. May we welcome all we meet and invite them to share our joy. R/ May the light of Christ shine in our hearts
3. As we place the three wise men into our crib we remember how they trusted in God's goodness, how they faced difficulties with courage and how they kept their faith and hope. R/ May the light of Christ shine in our hearts

4. We remember all who have suffered from the Covid pandemic, for all who are working for a cure and for all who work to help others. May we do our part in being safe with one another. R/ May the light of Christ shine in our hearts
5. Let us pause for a quiet moment and hold the light of Christ in our hearts as we begin the new year..... R/ May the light of Christ shine in our hearts

(Principal/ teacher)

Final prayer

We offer up all our prayers as we pray.... Our Father.....

We end our prayer as we began with the sign of the cross, In the name of the Father.....