

This week's theme:

<p>6th January Christmas</p>	<p>Matthew 2:1-12 'Where is the new born king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'</p>	<p>Epiphany</p>	<p>The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the Magi visiting Jesus. This is more than a story about wise men bringing gifts. It reveals Jesus is the saviour for all people. The star guiding the Magi symbolises God's light leading all nations to Jesus. This light is different from the power of King Herod. Herod is powerful and fearful. Jesus, though a baby, shows a different kind of kingship. He is humble and vulnerable, yet He changes the world.</p>	<p>6th January – Epiphany Maghi in Sikhism</p>
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Don't forget - there are additional resources for you to use with your form saved on the K Drive in chaplaincy
Each form should also have a paper copy of the prayer booklet (there are spare copies in the sacred time resource box in the staff room)

Additional prayer resources for sacred time;

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The resources and activities in this powerpoint are suggestions, and intended to support, and / or offer a starting point.

They are not prescriptive - please feel free to adapt for your form, or create your own resources as appropriate

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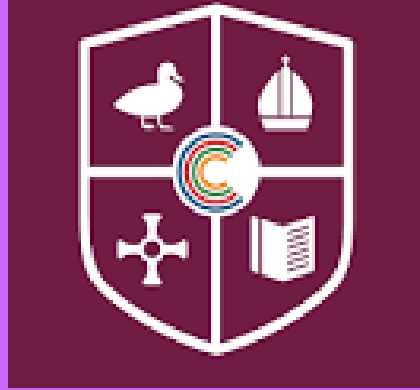
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Let us make the sign of the cross together.

Autumn Term 2- Week 6

Season: Advent week 2

Liturgical Colour: purple



Sacred Time Theme: Epiphany



Day 1

Today is the feast of the Epiphany. It is the day when we celebrate the arrival of the Magi to the stable after following the star.

Although we often call them the '3 wise men,' or '3 Kings,' they were actually 'Magi' who were a group of very clever astronomers at the time. We think there were 3 of them because the Bible mentions 3 names (Melchior, Balthazar and Casper).

Day 1

We believe they brought gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh to the baby Jesus. Today, in many countries including Spain, they don't exchange Christmas gifts until today!

What gifts can you bring to our school community?

We pray our
school prayer
together,
asking God to
help us to
share our gifts
of courage,
commitment
and
compassion to
all



*Live life in
all its fullness*

John 10:10

School Prayer

Dear God,

We ask for the compassion
to care for each other,
the commitment to strive
for excellence, and the courage
to do the right thing. Help us
to build a community where
everyone can live life to the full.

Amen.

St. Cuthbert, pray for us.

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Theme of the Week - Epiphany

Day 2

'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', as it is when the baby **Jesus** was '**revealed**' to the world.

This is why you might hear people say they've had an epiphany, when they've just realised something!



Theme of the Week - Epiphany

Day 2

How do people celebrate
Epiphany around the world?



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- In Spain and Latin America, *El Día de los Reyes* is just as important as Christmas Day itself.
- A bit like how you might leave a carrot and mince pie out on Christmas Eve, the night before *El Día de los Reyes*, children leave out drinks for the Three Kings and there are parades and fireworks displays to mark the occasion.



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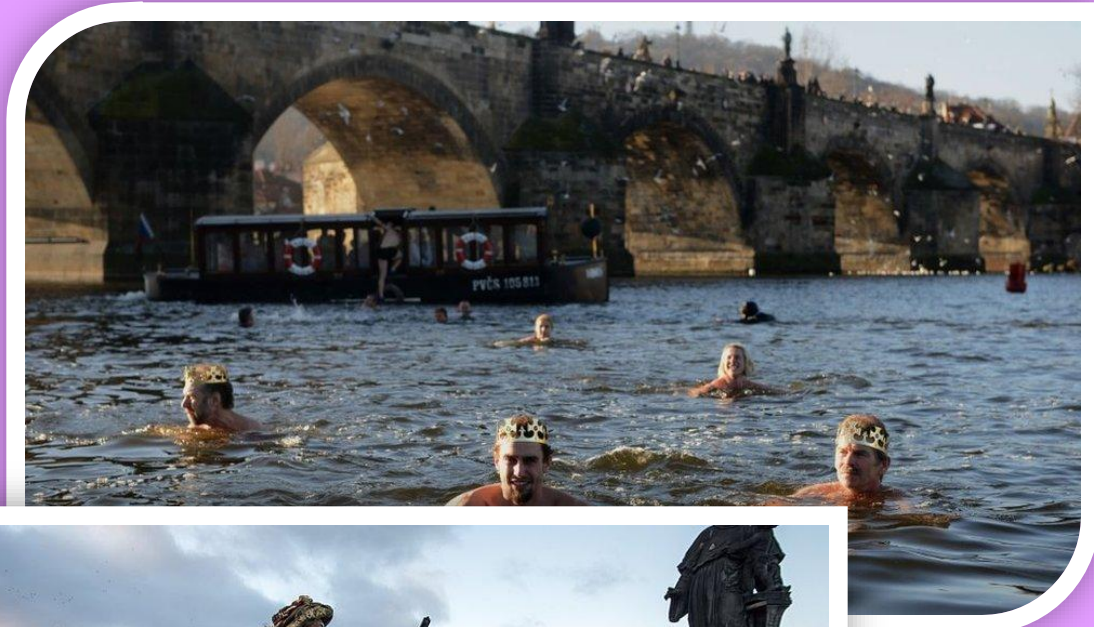


- In Mexico, people celebrate Epiphany by eating a special sweet bread called Rosca de Reyes. The bread is ring-shaped and topped with candied fruit.
- A small plastic figure of baby Jesus is normally hidden inside the the Rosca de Reyes before it's cut, and whoever finds it is thought to have good luck.

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- In the Czech Republic, those who are up for the challenge celebrate Epiphany by swimming in the freezing cold Vltava river in Prague.
- Men also dress up as the Magi, riding on camels through Prague's city centre, as part of the Three Kings Day Parade.



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Day 2

Lord God of heaven and earth,
you **revealed** your only Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.



Bless those across the world celebrating the gift of your one and only Son,

And help others realise the gift you gave freely to the world.

Fill us with the light of Christ,

That our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Day 3

In sacred time this week we discussed the gifts given by the Magi (wise men)...

Can you remember what they were?



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Day 3

The action of giving gifts plays a huge part at Christmas.

Whether it is taking part in Secret Santa, exchanging presents with friends/family or even donating gifts to those in need.



Theme of the Week - Epiphany

Day 3

Listen carefully to the following
story known as

'The Man & The Birds'

*It is a story about a man's
own personal epiphany...*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYeNZJPIxEI>

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Day 3

'The Man & The Birds'

Reflection:

- *Why were the birds afraid of the man?*
- *How did the man get the birds to trust him?*
- *Who do you think the man symbolises in the story?*
- *Who do the birds represent?*
- *What does the warm barn represent?*



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The Incarnation is the Christian belief that God took human form by becoming Jesus. Incarnation literally means 'to take on flesh'.

In the story the man realised he would have to become a bird himself so that the birds would not be afraid of him and to understand him...



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Through the incarnation of Jesus, humans were able to start repairing their damaged relationship with God. This relationship had been imperfect since Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

Through Jesus' incarnation, it made it possible for humans to have a full relationship with him and go to Heaven (the warm lighted barn!)



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Day 3

The man realises in his personal epiphany that Jesus himself is considered the greatest gift of Christmas because he came to save people from their sins and offer eternal life.



Jesus is the saviour for all people!

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Day 3

Lord, we thank You for the incarnation
- the Word made flesh, dwelling
among us.

We stand in awe of Your unfathomable
love that would send Your only
begotten Son to reconcile us to You.

Today, we rejoice in the good news of
great joy that is for all people: a
Savior is born, who is Christ the Lord!

Amen



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Theme of the Week - Epiphany

Day 4

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Day 4

This light is different from the power of King Herod. Herod is powerful and fearful...

Even though Jesus was just a baby, He shows a different kind of kingship.

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- *The days ahead of us in January are going to get lighter and brighter!*
- *What are you looking forward to in 2025? Have you made any resolutions?*
- *How might you take on the message of light, hope and/or faith from today in your day to day life?*

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The light of Christ came into the world to shine in all dark places and sad situations.

As we reflect on Jesus the light, we ask his light shine on those in need of hope and wonder.

Lord Jesus, You are the Light of the World! Darkness cannot hide from Your brightness. Amen

