

St Brigid's Cabinteely

**The Epiphany of the Lord
6th January 2013**

**Today is our special day of celebration.
We give thanks because Jesus came not
just to his own people but to all of us.**

**Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.**

**Gloria
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good
will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you for your great
glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High Jesus
Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Opening Prayer

Let us pray, Father, you revealed
your son to the nations
by the guidance of a star.
Lead us to your glory in heaven by
the light of faith.



First Reading *Is. 60:1-6*
*A reading from the book of the prophet
Isaiah*

**In this reading, the prophet describes
how all the nations come to the light of
the Lord.**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the
glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
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.
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to
the brightness of your dawn.
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.

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.

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 *Psalm 71*
**Response: Today we have seen
your Glory, O Lord.**

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with
righteousness, and your poor with justice. **R.**

In his days may righteousness flourish and
peace abound, until the moon is no more.
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.
May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service. **R.**

For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy. **R.**

Second Reading *Eph. 3:2-3, 5-6*
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

**Paul reveals God's grace is for all
peoples. We are all members of the
same body.**

Surely you have already heard of the
commission of God's grace that was given me
for you, and how the mystery was made

known to me by revelation.
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: 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

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

**Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew
People: Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel *Matt. 2:1-12*

**For Matthew, the journey of the three
Wise Men is fulfilled when they find the
Child Jesus - the Light of the World.**



In the time of King Herod,
after Jesus was born in
Bethlehem of Judea, wise
men from the East came
to Jerusalem, asking, "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;
and calling together all the chief priests and
scribes of the people, he inquired of them
where the Messiah was to be born.
They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so
it has been written by the prophet:
'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.'"
Then Herod secretly called for the wise men
and learned from them the exact time when
the star had appeared.
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."
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.
When they saw that the star had stopped,

they were overwhelmed with joy.
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.
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

The Apostles' Creed
**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell,
on the third day he rose again from the
dead, he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty,
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the offerings of your Church,
Not gold, frankincense and myrrh,
But the sacrifice and food they symbolize.
Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

Invitation to Holy Communion
**Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of
the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of
the Lamb.
People: Lord, I am not worthy that you
should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall
be healed.**

Prayer after Communion

Father, guide us with your light. Help us to
recognize Christ in this Eucharist and
welcome him with love, for he is Lord for ever
and ever.