

The Epiphany of the Lord

“Epiphany” means manifestation. And the “Epiphany of the Lord” is Jesus’s manifestation not only to the Magi – wise man – from the East: it is also a symbolic but real manifestation of Christ to the whole world. These Magi, travelling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore him.

The Magi were “wise men” who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. They understood the stars and when they saw the new and unique star over Bethlehem they realised something special was happening. So the lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. The Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They set a perfect example for us; to adore Him with a complete surrender of our lives.

We are called to reflect on the Magi and see them as a symbol of what we are called to do.