



Spring 2023 – Week 1

Morning Prayers



Dates of Interest this week – 2nd to 6th January

- 1st January – Mary the Holy Mother of God
- 1st January – World Day of Peace
- 2nd January – St Basil the Great, St Gregory Nazianzen
- 3rd January – The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- 4th January – World Braille Day
- 6th January – The Epiphany of the Lord
- 8th January – The Baptism of Jesus

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Each morning an act of worship should be made. This can be led by yourself or a pupil and can be made up of prayers from this booklet, www.richardchalloner.com/chaplaincy, or both.

[Guidance on best practice for Morning Prayer can be found here.](#)

[A selection of Catholic Prayers to use in Morning Prayer can be found here.](#)

Prayers for Morning Worship – 2nd to 6th January

Theme for the week – Feast of the Epiphany

Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

(Author Unknown)

Heavenly Father, we celebrate with the wise men the heavenly light and the discovery of the Light of the World- Jesus the Christ.

God of Light, make us faithful. Give us light, O God, sufficient for each step of the way. Help us to spread the light you have given us. Help us to live with what you give us and to give away what we have in abundance; in Christ's name.

Amen

(Author Unknown)

'When King Herod heard about the birth of Jesus he was very upset. So he called the Visitors from the East to a secret meeting and found out from them the exact time that the star that they had been following had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem with the instructions, 'Go and search for the child and when you find him let me know so that I may go and worship him too'. And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star that they had been following from the East. When they saw it how happy they were! 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 gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and presented them to him.

They returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.'

(Adapted from Matthew 2:1 – 12)

The Visitors from the East brought gifts of Gold Frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus. Lord, I give thanks for all that is 'gold' in my life: for the people who are precious to me, for the happy memories that I treasure, and for all that has been good over the years. May all that has been 'gold' for me, remind me always to appreciate those who are part of my life. Inspire me Lord, to give in such a way that I help to bring out the best in others.

Amen.

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

"Wise men followed Jesus. People who are wise still do."

(Author Unknown)



Bishop Richard Challoner

During his lifetime and after his death, he was considered not only as a model of every virtue but as a saint. We are asked to pray that our Blessed Lord, through the Pope, may reward him further, by raising him to the altars of the Church as a Saint.

Prayer for the Beatification of Bishop Richard Challoner

O God who made your servant Richard,
a true and faithful pastor of your little flock in England,
raise him, we beseech you, to the altars of thy Church,
that we, who have been taught by his word and example
may invoke his name in heaven,
for the return of our country to belief in the Gospel,
and to the unity of all Christians in the one Church of Jesus Christ.
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bishop Richard Challoner
Pray for us

