

Thoughts on the Daily Word

Christmas Season. Tuesday 6th January. Epiphany of the Lord. Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm: 71; Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12.

In the story Jesus is revealed as who he is, his vocation as a light for the nations and the fulfilment of Israel's mission. That revelation is also for us in that it shows just who we are. Our baptism reveals just who we really are, children of God. The light of faith leads to that amazing revelation that Jesus opens for us the mystery of our being and nature. The Greek word 'epiphany' was used to describe the appearance of the Roman Emperor, now it is used to describe the arrival of the Jesus the Christ, and today it announces that we too are called and chosen. The glory of the mystery of God made human now surrounds us. Not because of something we have earned but because, by his grace, God has endowed us with divinity. In other words, from the beginning of time God has intended to create us as his children, endowed with his life, able to share in his love. As the Fathers and Mothers of the Church said, God became human so that humanity could become divine. This was his plan, and this was his glory. Now it can be our plan and our glory.