

Be Still...

To be with  
Jesus...

Take time...

Calm your  
mind...

*2<sup>nd</sup> Week after the Nativity -*

*Liturgical colours of WHITE and GOLD*

*A time to celebrate and rejoice...*

*Celebration of the  
Word*

*Prayer Theme - Epiphany*



*We begin with  
the sign of the cross...*

*In the name of the  
Father, and of the  
Son and of the  
Holy Spirit.*

**AMEN**

WE  
GATHER

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD as we come  
to the end of the Jubilee Year...



Jubilee  
Pilgrims of Hope

**CAFOD** A better world  
needs all of us

Take a moment to look at the image.

- What can you see?
- How does this image make you feel?
- What do you like about the image?



# WE GATHER

Our prayer theme this week is  
**Epiphany.**

*The word Epiphany comes from the Greek language and means to 'reveal' - this is when the Son of God was 'revealed' to the whole world: to all people and not just one race.*

- I wonder what that means to you...



WE LISTEN TO  
THE WORD OF GOD

## A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (2:1-12).

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him,

“In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

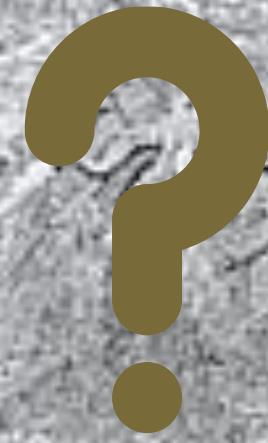
Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

# WHAT DO YOU THINK?

*Take a moment to reflect...*

How does this  
make you feel?



Why is this message  
important for us?

*...And behold, the star that they had seen at its  
rising preceded them, until it came and  
stopped over the place where the child was...*



How can this message  
help us each day?

# What is Epiphany all about?

This feast day, celebrated on the 6<sup>th</sup> January, is a significant and important one for people of every race and nationality, because the wise men represent God's people throughout the world.

The Son of God, the Word made flesh, came into the world as a Jew, to give life and salvation to every member of the human race.

No matter what our race, nationality, colour or religion, each of us is made in the image and likeness of God.

For all of us, this is a day of real celebration - we, too, are chosen.



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Over the next week you will notice new Epiphany Blessing signs appearing over our doorways in school as we ask God to bless our rooms and all those who work in them.

The initial letters remind us of the names of the Three Wise Men - Casper, Melchior and Balthazar.

They are also the initial letters for the Latin phrase  
- *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*  
- meaning Christ Bless this House.

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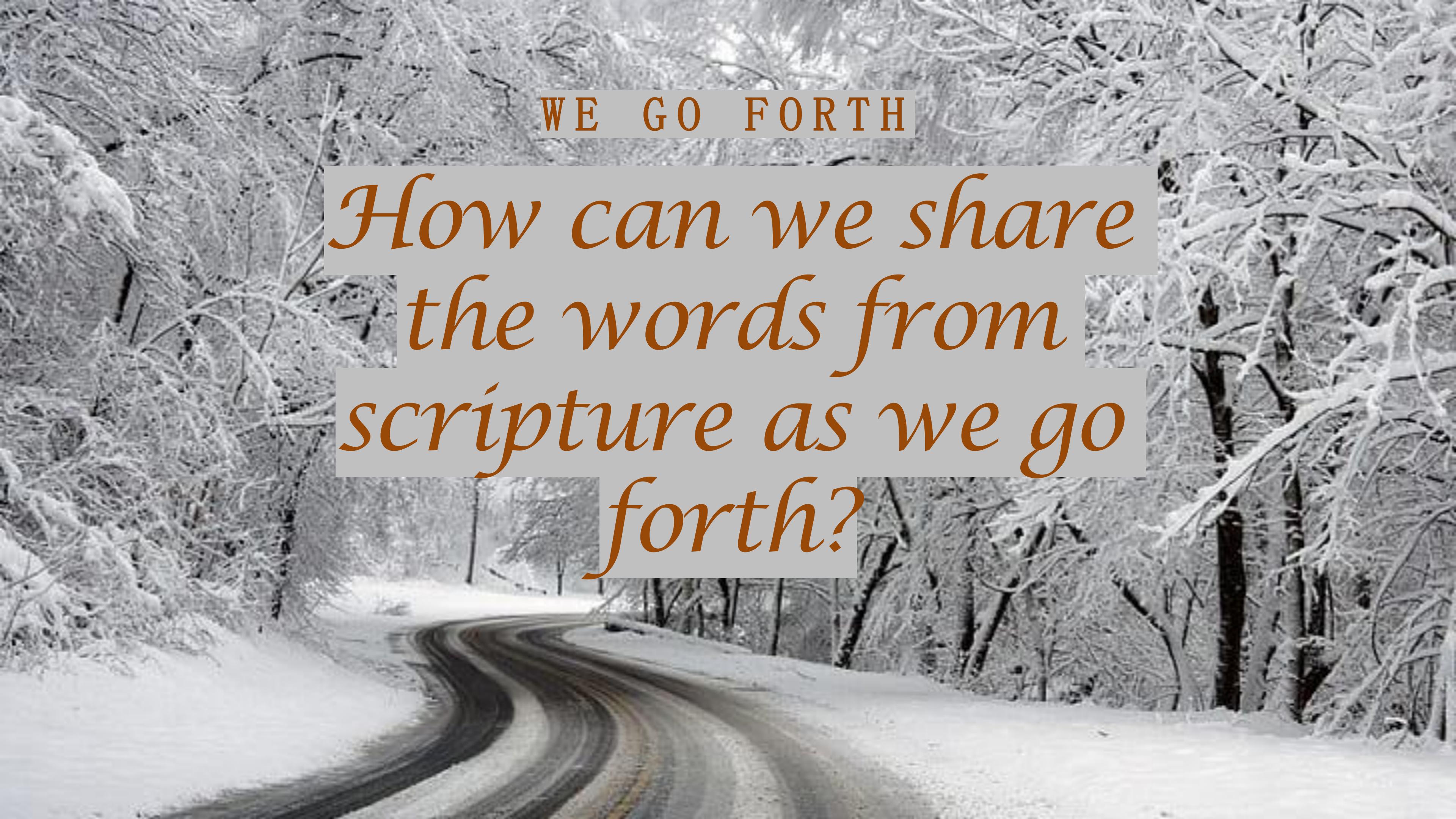
The star symbolises the star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus.

The three crosses symbolise God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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The numbers signify the new year we have just begun.

Please visit the Chapel Prayer Station to ask for God's blessing for your home.



WE GO FORTH

*How can we share  
the words from  
scripture as we go  
forth?*

# Let us pray ...

*Lord, the sight of the guiding star brought hope, courage and joy to those who had journeyed to find you.*

*When our journey seems long,  
when hope seems far away, when our courage is failing,  
fill us with faith and trust;*

*shine your light on our fears, lift our hearts with your joy.*

*Help us to recognise you in our brothers and sisters  
throughout the world;*

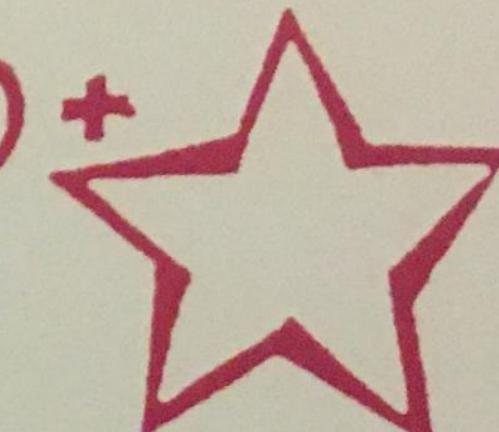
*show us how we can work together,  
so that we may all come to share in the life  
promised to us by Jesus, the Saviour of us all.*

**Amen.**

**St Augustine, pray for us  
St Cuthbert, pray for us**



WE GO FORTH

WHEN THE SONG OF  
THE ANGELS IS STILLED +   
WHEN THE STAR  
IN THE SKY IS GONE +  
WHEN THE KINGS AND  
PRINCES ARE HOME +  
WHEN THE SHEPHERDS  
ARE BACK WITH THEIR FLOCKS +



WE GO FORTH

THE WORK OF  
CHRISTMAS BEGINS:

TO FIND THE LOST +  
TO HEAL THE BROKEN +  
TO FEED THE HUNGRY +  
TO RELEASE THE PRISONER +  
TO REBUILD THE NATIONS +  
TO BRING PEACE  
AMONG PEOPLE +  
TO MAKE MUSIC IN THE HEART +

*I wonder what will your work of Christmas will be...  
Take a moment to think...*



*We prepare to close  
our time of prayer  
together.*



We close our time of  
prayer with the sign of  
Jesus I thank you  
In the name of the  
Father, the Son and the  
Holy Spirit, Amen.

