

Thought for the week

The Epiphany – 7th January 2018

As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, the readings make me wonder how long the wise men spent looking out for this special star. Had they known approximately when it would appear? Or is it something they came across while carrying out their usual work and then set out to investigate and understand what the special star was?

I am struck too at how they seemed to know just the right gifts to present to the child Jesus.

And then there is another King, Herod, who gave the impression that he too, wanted to pay homage to the infant king.

We believe that Christ will come again, not as a baby with a star to guide us, but with trumpet sounds for all to hear – wise or not.

What are we doing now, then to prepare for Jesus' second coming? As we begin the new year, with plans and resolutions aplenty, it seems ideal to add this aspect: to go about our daily life consciously looking out for that special 'star' that will lead us to Him.

More importantly, we pray for the wisdom to discern which 'star' it is that we should follow, as indeed there are plenty of these out there.

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