

# Following Yonder Star

**ALL NIGHT CANDLELIT VIGIL**

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

**St Mary's Chapel, Chapel Lane, Belfast**

**Tue 5th Jan 10 p.m. - Wed 6th Jan 7 a.m.**

For peace in  
the world and peace  
for every child,  
born and unborn

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All Night Adoration  
Rosary  
Midnight Mass

Entrance via St Mary's  
Hall, Marquis St.



"There is a child born to us, a Son given to us...and He will be called Wonder  
Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace". Is 9:6

## 10 P.M. WELCOME AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### O Salutaris Hostia

O salutaris Hostia,  
Quae caeli pandis ostium:  
Bella premunt hostilia,  
Da robur, fer auxilium.  
Uni trinoque Domino  
Sit sempiterna gloria,  
Qui vitam sine termino  
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

O saving Victim, opening wide,  
The gate of heaven to man below!  
Our foes press on from every side;  
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.  
To Thy great name by endless praise,  
Immortal Godhead, one in Three;  
Oh, grant us endless length of days,  
In our true native land with Thee. Amen

### Adeste Fideles

Adeste Fideles  
Laeti triumphante  
Venite, venite in Bethlehem  
Natum videte  
Regem angelorum

Venite adoremus (3)  
Dominum

Deum de Deo  
Lumen de lumine  
Gestant puellae Viscera  
Deum verum, genitum, non factum

Cantet nunc Io  
Chorus angelorum  
Cantet nunc aula caelestium  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Ergo qui natus  
Die hordierna  
Jesu tibi sit Gloria  
Patris aeterni Verbum caro factum

O Come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, o come ye, to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the king of angels

O Come let us adore Him (3)  
Christ the Lord

God of God  
Light of light  
Lo! He abhors not the virgin's womb  
Very God, Begotten not created

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above  
Glory to God in the highest

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesu, to thee be glory given  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing



*The manger in Bethlehem as it is now*



*Star on the floor of the manger, marks the place where Christ was born*

## 11 P.M. JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The joyful mysteries of the rosary for the protection of unborn babies and all human life

### Evangelium Vitae - St John Paul

O Mary,  
bright dawn of the new world,  
Mother of the living,  
to you do we entrust the cause of life  
Look down, O Mother,  
upon the vast numbers  
of babies not allowed to be born,  
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,  
of men and women  
who are victims of brutal violence,  
of the elderly and the sick killed  
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son  
may proclaim the Gospel of life

with honesty and love  
to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace  
to accept that Gospel  
as a gift ever new,  
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude  
throughout their lives  
and the courage to bear witness to it  
resolutely, in order to build,  
together with all people of good will,  
the civilization of truth and love,  
to the praise and glory of God,  
the Creator and lover of life.  
Amen.

### O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament Most Holy  
O Sacrament Divine  
All praise and all thanksgiving  
Be every moment thine

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## 11.50 P.M. BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### Tantum Ergo

Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui:  
Praestet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque  
Laus et iubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio.  
Amen.

V Panem de caelo praestitisti eis  
R Omnem delectamentum in se habentem

Down in adoration falling,  
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,  
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing  
Newer rites of grace prevail;  
Faith for all defects supplying,  
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,  
And the Son Who reigns on high  
With the Holy Spirit proceeding  
Forth from each eternally,  
Be salvation, honoUr blessing,  
Might and endless majesty.  
Amen.

V. Thou hast given them bread from heaven  
R. Having within it all sweetness

## 12 MIDNIGHT MASS

### Entrance Antiphon

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

### Entrance Hymn - We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

O, Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy Perfect Light

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again.  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign

Frankincense to offer have I,  
Incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship Him, God most high

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume,  
Breathes of life of gathering gloom.  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,  
though night still covers the earth  
and darkness the peoples.  
Above you the Lord now rises  
and above you His glory appears.  
The nations come to your light  
and kings to your dawning brightness.  
Lift up your eyes and look round:  
all are assembling and coming towards you,  
your sons from far away  
and your daughters being tenderly carried.  
At this sight you will grow radiant,

your heart throbbing and full;  
since the riches of the sea will flow to you,  
the wealth of the nations come to you;  
camels in throngs will cover you,  
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;  
everyone in Sheba will come,  
bringing gold and incense  
and singing the praise of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,10-13

**R: All nations shall fall prostrate before you  
O Lord**

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that He may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement.

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.  
In His days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.  
The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts  
shall pay Him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring Him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve Him.

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.  
For He shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor.

### Second reading Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

## Gospel Acclamation **Mt2:2**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
We saw his star as it rose  
and have come to do the Lord homage.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel **Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the Infant King of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw His star as it rose and have come to do Him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told Him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
you are by no means least among the leaders  
of Judah,  
for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did Him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.



*Entrance to  
the manger in  
the Church of  
The Nativity,  
Bethlehem*



*Relic of the  
crib of the baby  
Jesus (St Mary  
Major Rome)*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Hymn - Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed.  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where  
He lay.  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes.  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus look down from the sky  
And stay by my side, 'til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay;  
Close by me forever and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

### Holy Holy Holy

Sanctus Sanctus  
Sanctus Dominus Deus sabbaoth  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua  
Hosanna in excelsis  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

### Memorial Acclamation

He is Lord, He is Lord  
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

## COMMUNION RITE

Lamb of God  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi  
Misere nobis (x 2)  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi  
Dona nobis pacem

## Communion Antiphon

The brightness of God illumined the holy city  
Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

## Communion Hymns – Silent Night

Silent night, Holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in Heavenly peace, sleep in Heavenly peace

Silent night, Holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from Heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah  
Christ, the Saviour is born, Christ, the Saviour is  
born

Silent night, Holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy Holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace

## O Holy Night

O Holy night!  
The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Fall on your knees  
Oh hear the angel voices  
Oh night divine  
Oh night when Christ was born  
Oh night divine  
Oh night divine

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming  
Here come the wise men from Orient land  
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger  
In all our trials born to be our friend

Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother  
And in His name all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name

## Recessional Hymn – The First Nowell

The First Noel, the angels did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep;  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star,  
shining in the East beyond them far.  
And to the Earth it gave great light.  
And so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those Wise men three,  
Full reverently upon their knee.  
And offered there in His presence,  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel!  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel!

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## 1 A.M. LITANY OF OUR LADY (AFTER MASS - CANDLELIT)

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## 1.15 A.M. TEA AND COFFE

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## 2 A.M ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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## 2.30 A.M Luminous Mysteries

The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary for  
protection of all children

## **Prayer to The Infant Jesus by Pope Benedict XVI**

O my Lord Jesus,  
we gaze on you as a baby  
and believe that you are the Son of God,  
who became man in the womb of the Virgin Mary,  
through the working of the Holy Spirit.  
Just as at Bethlehem, we too, with Mary, Joseph,  
the angels and the shepherds,  
adore you and acknowledge you as our only Saviour.  
You became poor to enrich us with your poverty.  
Grant that we may never forget the poor  
and all those who suffer.

Protect our families,  
bless all the children of the world,  
and grant that the love you brought us  
may always reign amongst us  
and lead us to a happier life.

Grant, O Jesus, that all may recognize  
the truth of your birth,  
so that they may know that you came  
to bring to the whole human family  
light, joy and peace.

You, who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## **O Come Let Us Adore Him**

O Come Let Us Adore Him  
O Come Let Us Adore Him  
O Come Let Us Adore Him  
Christ the Lord

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## **3 A.M. THE DIVINE MERCY**

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### **3.15 A.M. SILENT ADORATION**

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## **4 A.M. SORROWFUL MYSTERIES**

For protection of the sanctity of marriage and family  
and peace in all families

## **Prayer for Families of The World by Pope Francis**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
to you, Holy Family of Nazareth,  
today we turn our gaze  
with admiration and confidence;  
in you we contemplate  
the beauty of communion in true love;  
to you we commend our families,  
so that in them marvels of grace be renewed.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
alluring school of the Gospel:  
teach us to imitate your virtues  
with a wise spiritual discipline,  
grant us a clear vision  
that recognizes the work of Providence  
in the daily realities of life.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
faithful custodian of the mystery of salvation:  
help us to regain an appreciation for silence,  
make our families cenacles of prayer and  
transform them into little domestic Churches,  
renew the desire for sanctity,  
sustain the noble toil of work, of education,  
of listening, of mutual understanding and of  
forgiveness.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
Re-awaken in our society the consciousness  
of the sacred and inviolable character of the  
family,  
an inestimable and irreplaceable good.

May every family be a place where goodness and  
peace are welcomed  
for children and for the elderly,  
for those who are sick and alone,  
for those who are poor and needy.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
we pray to you with confidence,  
we entrust ourselves to you with joy.



*Stained glass window, Church of  
Nativity, Bethlehem*



## Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty  
Unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom, authority  
Flow from His throne unto His own  
His anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high  
The name of Jesus  
Magnify, come glorify  
Christ Jesus the King  
Majesty, worship His Majesty  
Jesus who died, now glorified  
King of all Kings.

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## 4.30 A.M. BREAK

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## 5 A.M. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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## 5.45 A.M. CHAPLET TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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## 6 A.M. THE ANGELUS

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## 6.45 A.M. THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Glorious Mysteries for the Rosary for peace  
in our world

## Jesus how lovely you are

Jesus how lovely you are  
You are so gentle  
So pure and so kind  
You shine, like the morning star  
Jesus how lovely you are

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## 7 A.M. CLOSING HYMN - Joy To The World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
and Heaven and nature sing,  
and Heaven and nature sing,  
and Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness,  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

## Prayer to the Child Jesus

Infant Jesus meek and mild  
look on me a little child.  
Pity mine and pity me,  
suffer me to come to Thee.

Heart of Jesus I adore Thee,  
heart of Mary I implore thee,  
heart of Joseph pure and just,  
in these three hearts I place my trust.

## Prayer to St Joseph

Oh St Joseph, whose protection is so great,  
so prompt, so strong before the throne of God,  
I place in you all my interests and desires.  
Oh St Joseph, do assist me by your powerful  
intercession  
and obtain for me from your Divine Son all  
spiritual blessings  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that having  
engaged here below  
your heavenly power, I may offer my  
thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving  
of Fathers.

Oh St Joseph, I never weary of contemplating  
you and Jesus asleep in your arms;  
I dare not approach while He reposes near  
your heart.  
Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head  
for me  
and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my  
dying breath.  
St Joseph, patron of departed souls, pray for  
me. Amen.