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The Baptism of the Lord

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday
20th January

First Reading: Is 49:3,5-6

Psalm 39

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel: Jn 1:29-34

FOLLOWING YOUR STAR 2008

Recent radio chat shows have highlighted how difficult it is to follow the signage on the M50 or especially, near the Red Cow roundabout. One driver heading for Limerick found herself in Bray. Another leaving Dublin urgently found himself racing back towards the city centre. One way or the other, it seems that in modern Ireland to follow the appropriate signposts for fulfilled living becomes more risky.

Whereas last weekend, we had three men, strangers to Bethlehem, finding their way to a particular stable in that town by following a star. Of all the millions of stars, one particular one was chosen by God to lead them to his Son. God had placed a yearning in their hearts to find a deeper meaning to life and to our existence on this planet than the current wisdom of their culture in their time suggested. So, they risked undertaking the hazardous journey of discovery, resolving to follow their star.

At the beginning of 2008, each of us picks the stars by which we will live during the year. They may be family, friends, fame, popularity, comfort, money, success, selfishness, neighbourliness, community service, cuteness, prayer, drink or so on.

It may be that we do not advert seriously enough to the underlying stars that motivate our life style. We risk ending up where we never wanted to be, or returning to the disaster spots of the past.

It is a time of year and maybe, a time of life to consciously choose again loving God and one another as the only lifestyle that will satisfy the long term yearnings of our hearts. Now is the opportunity to hitch our wagons to the star of God's love of us and recognise him in the Bethlehem moments of our lives. God's way of calling each of us is unique but the destination is the same, to be at home in the heart of God.

Follow your star. Happy journey in 2008.

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