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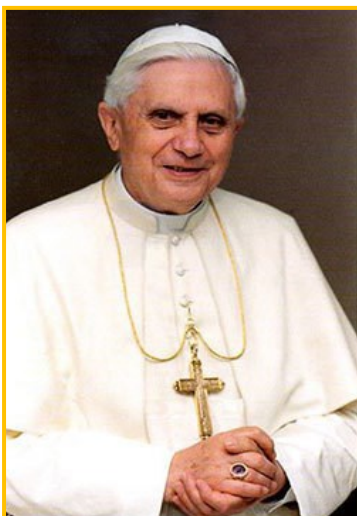
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'Your Face being Unveiled: Part 1'

In God's beautiful design, the Christmas liturgy continues at the beginning of the New Year by drawing us to the Face of Christ with three holy feast days (and one great Holy Face saint's birthday).

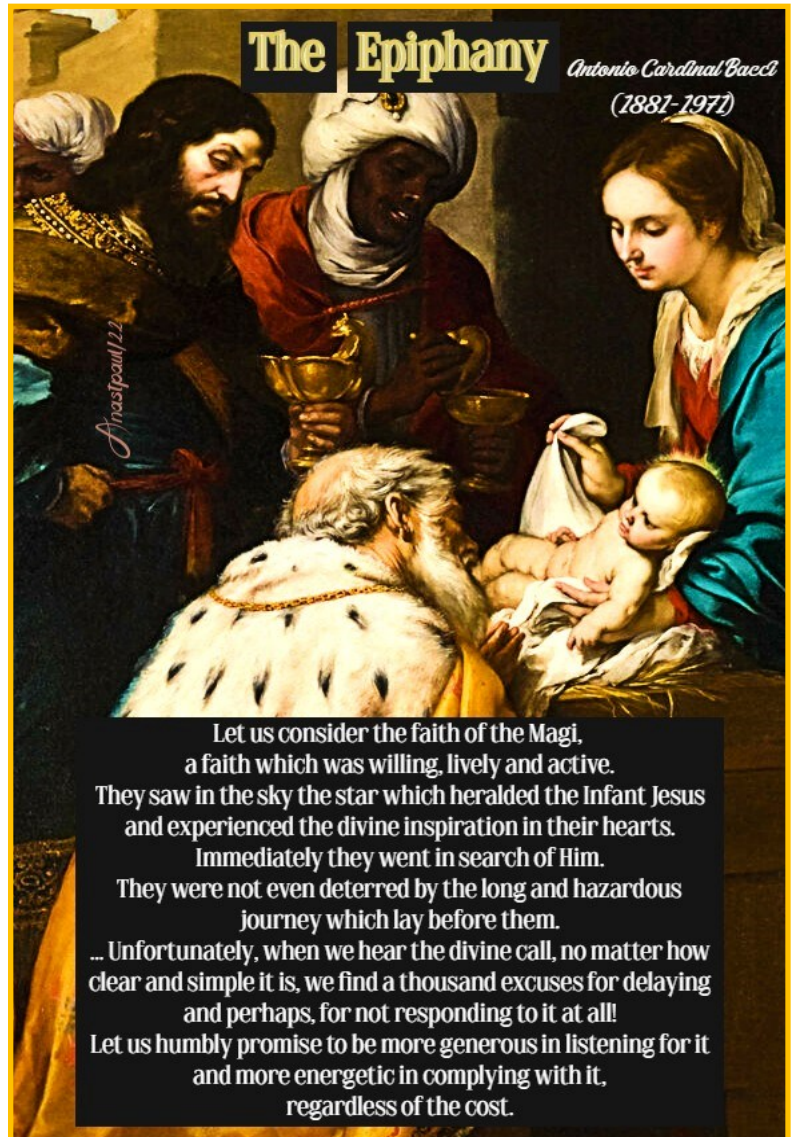
All three feast days are tied together by a common, yet golden thread – Mary the Mother of God, January 1st: a mother, sharing her precious Son with us, so we may see His Face. By another providential coincidence, January 2nd, 1873, marked the birth of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face, who, by her offering of herself as a victim of holocaust to the Merciful Love of God, presented for our times, the truth of what it means to repair by offering oneself in union with Jesus.

The very next day, 3rd of January, was the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.



Pope Benedict XVI stated re this feast:

"To rejoice in the splendour of His Face means penetrating the mystery of His Name made known to us in Jesus, understanding something of His interior life and of His will, so that we can live according to His plan for humanity. Jesus lets us know the hidden Face of The Father through His human Face; by the gift of The Holy Spirit poured into our hearts. This is the foundation of our peace, which nothing can take from us."



And the last great holy day in Christmas tide drawing us to adore the Holy Face is of course **the Epiphany!**

The Epiphany (meaning Divine manifestation) is closely linked to the Holy Face, when the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen and mother, presents her Son, the King of Kings, to the Magi and the world – through Mary, we may also reflect the light of His Face to the world.

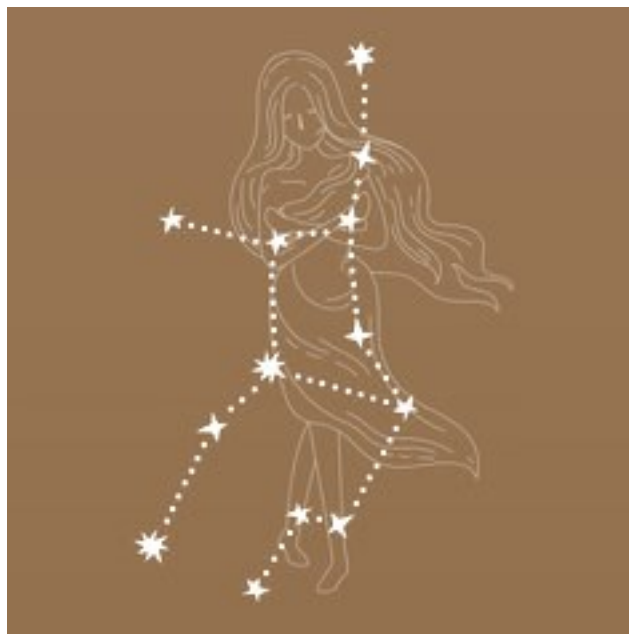
We can only guess the effect of seeing Jesus' Face on the Magi, the reward of their following the sign of the star and the arduous journey for the ultimate truth. The Face of Jesus, manifests in the love of the Holy Spirit, the Father. The Magi must have felt intense joy. Jesus' Face is adorable and these kings prostrated themselves in adoration. The infant King looked on them as the first fruits of His redemption. Seeing His Holy Face is enough for them and they can return home, fulfilled.

These wise truth seekers likely had studied and knew the Torah and rabbinic writings predicting the Messiah. There is evidence that ancient study of the stars was understood to predict a coming Messiah. Within part of the constellation Virgo for example, ancients predicted a virgin birth and a child the world waited for which they named **'the desire of the nations'**. All the ancient languages had in common, specific names for the individual stars in the constellation Virgo, which prophetically described aspects of the prophesied Messiah's Lordship and were named as follows:

'the sent one,' 'beautiful Lord,' 'the 2nd General,' 'the seed,' and **'branch'** which is echoed in Isaiah 4:2.

Like all Jesus' true disciples, the Magi followed a calling Christ had placed on their hearts even from the womb. God works through our everyday experiences when calling us. For the Magi, who studied the stars, He called them through the singular star they followed described in Matthew's gospel. In these kings encounter with Him,

prostrating themselves in adoration, they experienced the fulfilment of psalm 27: **Of you my heart has spoken, seek His Face. It is Your Face Oh Lord that I seek, hide not Your Face from me.** Mary and Joseph too would have contemplated Jesus' Face not only in infancy but over the years. This is our model now, we ought to seek the Holy Face, in prayer, in His Word and the Eucharist. This will bring us salvation and transformation. The radiance of His Face will transform ours and conform us into His likeness. It was also the feast of the Epiphany that produced the miracle of the Vatican when the faded Veil of Veronica was exposed for veneration and Jesus' Holy Face was seen for three hours January 6th 1849. More of this next week.....



Call to Action: HLI Ireland aims to get the Holy Face of Jesus into every parish internationally.

Remember, Jesus told Sr Marie Pierre in Tours in the mid 19th century, that He wanted the Holy Face prayers in EVERY TOWN, where they are “a weapon and a shield” and said:

“Woe to those towns that will not make this act of reparation.”

Become Familiar: through books, videos and talks. Pray the prayers for your priests to know the Holy Face. Embed the prayers in your parish by praying them all in one go (20 minutes) or pray one a day of the five (4 minute) prayers over five days e.g. Monday to Friday e.g. before or after Mass together. Organise events: video showings, book clubs, prayer meetings onsite and online.

Partner with Us: become a **HLI Ireland ally** and a **Holy Face missionary** to the world. Our entire operation is expanding, entirely running on God’s providence and we invest any surplus back into mission. We are upgrading our website, translating into multiple languages and funding for an international state of the art app to get the Holy Face EVERYWHERE.

Contact us: info@theholysface.com and let us know how we can help you and vice versa.

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