



**24 December 2023
(Midnight Mass)
25 December 2023
(Christmas Day)**



INTRODUCTION:

God takes on a human form so that we might see Him with our own eyes. As the angels invited the shepherds on the night of the first Christmas, “Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you,” we are invited today to behold the God-made-flesh.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: On this holy night/day we rejoice at the birth of Christ, Word-made-flesh, and light of the world. With glad hearts let us place all our needs in God’s loving care.

RESPONSE: Loving God, hear our prayer

We pray for Pope Francis and all religious leaders, that they will bear united witness to God’s boundless love for the human family. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for peace in the world, that the light of Christ will dispel the dark shadow of war from the face of the earth. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who struggle with sadness and loneliness at this time of year, that the outreach of neighbours will free them from their isolation. We pray to the Lord.

We pray with our loved Ones who have died and are now enjoying the banquet of Heaven which we hope for in our Christmas Eucharist. We pray to the Lord.

We pray in silence for our local and community needs. *(p-a-u-s-e)*. We pray to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: Holy God, in the birth of Christ you have made us your beloved daughters and sons. Help us to stay true to our calling. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.