



24/25 December 2024
Christmas Mass Cycle – C



Introduction:

Today we are very happy to celebrate what is out of this world, God's love for us, becoming part of this world when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Christmas is all about LOVE.

Love is giving, and this is the way God comes, so that we might see Him as a child and learn how to love, learn how to take people in need, learn how to take people in our care, learn how to be responsible for people, learn in a sense the message of life.

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. (Pause). 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. (Pause). 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. (Pause). We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all whose selfless service has helped us through the difficulties of this year, that they will be blessed with our gratitude and the opportunity to rest. (Pause). 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. (Pause). 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.