

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH LITURGY ON THIS CHRISTMAS EVE (DAY).

THE PRESIDERS ARE:

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm	Fr. E. Smith, SJ
7:00 pm	Fr. W. Bolton, SJ
10:00 pm	Fr. W. Bolton, SJ

Christmas Day:

10:00 am	Fr. E. Smith, SJ
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The Presider is:

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Our response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who believe in Christ, that as we simplify our usual Christmas activities and traditions, we may focus on the birth of a baby, born in a manger, to bring hope and love into the world, we pray to the Lord.

For all the citizens of Bethlehem, Jews, Christians and Moslems, and for all the nations of the world, that they resolve conflicts by giving themselves over to the spirit of peace, born this day in Bethlehem, we pray to the Lord.

For all who do not yet believe in Christ, that they may know that today a Saviour has been born for them, we pray to the Lord.

For all who have embodied Christ's healing spirit and mission, for all who have risked their own lives to care for those afflicted with COVID-19, either directly or indirectly, and for all who shared their knowledge and skills to develop an effective vaccine, we pray to the Lord.

For all who find covid 19 protocols especially difficult ,thereby increasing the burden on persons already challenged with mental health issues and drug addictions, we pray to the Lord.

For the homeless, for immigrants and refugees, and especially for children born in the midst of poverty and pain, that there may be room in the inn for all God's children, we pray to the Lord.

For the sick and the dying among us, for their families and care givers, and for those who have lost a loved one since last Christmas, that God, whose love extends from the wood of the manger to the wood of the cross, to the cave of Resurrection, might bless them this Christmas with the gift of peace, we pray to the Lord.

For all of us, both near and far, that we pray and worship in church or online, and invite our family and friends to join us, virtually or in person, in Christmas prayer, that together we may challenge the darkness through the Light of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS