

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Mass at Night
The Lord said to me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.

Mass at Dawn

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;
and he will be called Wondrous God,
Prince of peace, Father of future ages:
and his reign will be without end.

Mass during the Day

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called
Messenger of great counsel.

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echo still their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, in Excelsis Deo,
Gloria, in Excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your rapturous strain prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song. (R)

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing:
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ our Lord, the new-born King. (R)

See within a manger laid,
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth,
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise. (R)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

INVITATION TO SORROW

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glorify God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

NIGHT MASS

O God,
who have made this most sacred night
radiant with the splendour of the true light,
grant, we pray, that we, who have known
the mysteries of his light on earth, may also
delight in his gladness in heaven. Who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

DAWN MASS

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, as we are bathed in the new radiance
of your incarnate Word, the light of faith,
which illumines our minds, may also shine
through in our deeds. Through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

DAY MASS

O God, who wonderfully created the
dignity of human nature and still more
wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray,
that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our
humanity. Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for
ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

NIGHT MASS

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The people that walked in darkness has
seen a great light; on those who live in a
land of deep shadow a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence as men
rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy
when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his
oppressor, these you break as on the day
of Midian. For all the footgear of battle,
every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt
and consumed by fire.
For there is a child born for us,
a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;
and this is the name they give him:

Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.
Wide is his dominion in a peace that has
no end, for the throne of David and for
his royal power, which he establishes and
makes secure in justice and integrity.
From this time onwards and for ever, the
jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 95:1-3,11-13

**R. Today a saviour has been born to us;
he is Christ the Lord.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. [R]
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory and his
wonders among all the peoples. [R]
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. [R]
4. With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. [R]

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has
made salvation possible for the whole human
race and taught us that what we have to do
is to give up everything that does not lead to
God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must
be self-restrained and live good and religious
lives here in this present world, while we
are waiting in hope for the blessing which
will come with the Appearing of the glory
of our great God and Saviour Christ Jesus.
He sacrificed himself for us in order to set
us free from all wickedness and to purify a
people so that it could be his very own and
would have no ambition except to do good.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy:
today a saviour has been born to us,
Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census - the first - took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace to men who enjoy his favour'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



DAWN MASS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:11-12

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

This the Lord proclaims
to the ends of the earth:

Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Look,
your saviour comes,
the prize of his victory with him,
his trophies before him.'
They shall be called 'The Holy People',
'The Lord's Redeemed'.
'And you shall be called 'The-sought-after',
'City-not-forsaken'.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 96:1.6.11-12*

**R. This day new light
will shine upon the earth:
the Lord is born for us.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
the many coastlands be glad.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. [R]

2. Light shines forth for the just
and joy for the upright of heart.
Rejoice, you just, in the Lord;
give glory to his holy name. [R]

SECOND READING

Titus 3: 4-7

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to God
in the highest heaven,
and peace to men
who enjoy his favour.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Luke 2: 15 - 20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Now when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.' So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

DAY MASS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52: 7 - 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

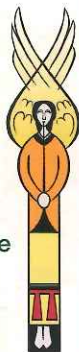
How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation, and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 97:1-6*

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. [R]
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. [R]
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. [R]
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. [R]

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light has shone down
upon the earth.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL John 1:1 - 18 (or * 1; 1-5.9-14 *)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**In the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.**

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness, as a witness to
speak for the light, so that everyone might
believe through him. He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

**The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world that had its being
through him, and the world did not know
him. He came to his own domain and his
own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him he gave
power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh or will of man but of
God himself. The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us, and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the
Father, full of grace and truth.**

John appears as his witness. He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me ranks before me
because he existed before me.'
Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of
us, received - yes, grace in return for
grace, since, though the Law was given
through Moses, grace and truth have
come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God; it is the only
Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All bow during these three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

1. Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child;
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia:
Christ the saviour is born,
Christ the saviour is born.
3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.



PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren, (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours may be
acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all
his holy Church. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

NIGHT MASS

May the oblation of this day's feast be
pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, that
through this most holy exchange we may
be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom
our nature is united to you. Who lives and
reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

DAWN MASS

May our offerings be worthy, we pray, O
Lord, of the mysteries of the Nativity this
day, that, just as Christ was born a man
and also shone forth as God, so these
earthly gifts may confer on us what is
divine. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY MASS

Make acceptable, O Lord, our oblation
on this solemn day, when you manifested
the reconciliation that makes us wholly
pleasing in your sight and inaugurated for
us the fullness of divine worship.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.
It is right and just.

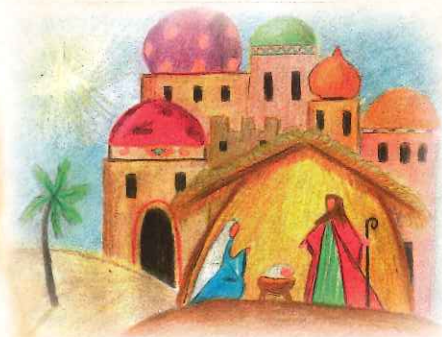


PREFACE I OF THE NATIVITY (*Christ the Light*)
It is truly right and just, our duty and our
salvation, always and everywhere to give
you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty
and eternal God.

For in the mystery of the Word made flesh
a new light of your glory has shone upon
the eyes of our mind, so that,
as we recognise in him God made visible,
we may be caught up through him
in love of things invisible.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of
heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.
Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them
like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us the Body
and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through him, Amen.



COMMUNION RITE Our Father . . .

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

NIGHT MASS

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

DAWN MASS

Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem:
Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Saviour of the world.

DAY MASS

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.



AWAY IN A MANGER

1. Away in a manger
no crib for a bed.
The little Lord Jesus
laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing
the baby awakes.
But little Lord Jesus
no crying he makes.
I love thee Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky
and stay by my side
until morning is nigh.



Reflection

Welcome, Lord Jesus. Céad míle fáilte. Welcome are you, Saviour of all to our hearts and our homes. You come with peace and joy to light our way. Bless our friends and family, the poor, the sick and the lonely. Bless the young and the old. As we work for justice and search for truth may we find you and find one another in your love at Christmas.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

NIGHT MASS

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we, who are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honourable way of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

DAWN MASS

Grant us, Lord, as we honour with joyful devotion the Nativity of your Son, that we may come to know with fullness of faith the hidden depths of this mystery and to love them ever more and more. Through Christ our Lord.

DAY MASS

Grant, O merciful God, that, just as the Saviour of the world, born this day, is the author of divine generation for us, so he may be the giver even of immortality. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Concluding Rite

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day), drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

Amen.

May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

Amen.

And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
Thanks be to God.

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

1. O come all ye faithful.
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye
to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the king of angels.

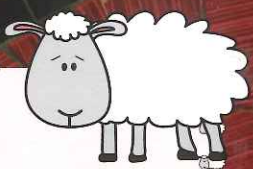
Refrain:

O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

2. Born of the Father,
Light from light eternal,
Son of the gentle maid
Our flesh and blood.
Honour and praise him
With the hosts of angels.

Refrain





FIND THE WORDS

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- CHRISTMAS
- JESUS
- HOPE
- MARY
- LOVE
- JOY
- FAITH
- JOSEPH

WHAT A MAZE!



Help the
Wise Men
find
Baby Jesus





Please say this prayer when visiting the crib any time during the 12 days of Christmas.

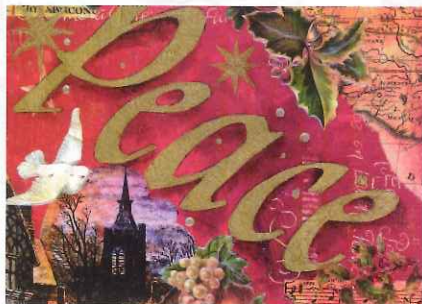
*"God our Father, I come to say
Thank you for Jesus born on Christmas Day.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray. Amen."*



A NATIVITY SCENE FOR YOU TO COLOUR

Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us"



This is the true and deepest meaning of Christmas; well worth our preparation. The baby in the manger, the child in his mother's womb, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Mary, is 'God-is-with-us.'

Christmas offers the gift of faith; offers this gift with the very human realities of birth, joy, struggle, confusion and peace. Christmas is a gift given and a gift to be shared and sometimes a gift to be worked at. Gratitude is so important.

In prayer we receive the peace and joy of the feast; in our kindness to others at Christmas we share His coming; and in our working in the world, or in the family and communities, for peace, reconciliation, forgiveness and other qualities of the message of the gospel, we bring Christmas alive.

In many ways God is with us; His birth was in the ordinary locality, not just in the temple, so it is great to see the crib in the street, the shop window and in the home.

We need this message badly in a world of war and terror; we need it too in the ordinary days of our lives. And we can be truly grateful that the real Christmas gift is wrapped in the human body and lasts forever, for this life and the next.

Jesus, Emmanuel, strengthen our faith.

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Editor Sacred Heart Messenger**



CHRISTMAS COMPETITION



Would you like to enter the Christmas Competition? This competition is open to children up to 12 years of age. To enter, all you have to do is solve the 2 puzzles and colour the Nativity Scene. Fill in the form and post it to our office at: Logos Publications, CHRISTMAS COMPETITION, 26 Tolka Valley Business Park, Ballyboggan Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 11, D11 WK38.

One lucky winner will receive:

- **€50 Eason Gift Voucher,**
- **€50 Donation to a Charity (to be chosen by the winner)**
- **And a Personalised Certificate of Achievement**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Age _____ Telephone: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Logos Publications may use the name of the entrant and their town name for the purposes of publicity. Please advise us in writing if you are not happy for us to do this. Deadline Entry: 17 January. Prize winner 14 February.

Reflection

Come Lord Jesus, come and be born in our hearts, this Christmas day. Jesus was born in Mary's heart first, when she listened to the Angel, and she said "Yes."

Then she went quickly to help her cousin, Elizabeth, who was expecting a baby. To find ways that we can help our friends in school, our mam and dad, brothers and sisters, grandparents at home and our colleagues at work, and to share our gifts, and be attentive to God's blessing is the very best way to celebrate Christmas.

Fr. Liam Hickey