

*For unto us a child is born*

Wonderful Counselor \* Mighty God \* Everlasting Father \* Prince of Peace



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#### IS THERE ROOM AT YOUR INN? CHRISTMAS EVE REFLECTION

Irish tradition says that the Holy Family still travel throughout the world this night seeking shelter...

Is there room for them at your inn?  
at my inn?

Can you see them pass by?

Joseph lost in thought...

Mary tired and heavy with child...

Can you see their eyes looking out at you from the eyes of

the homeless,

the poor,

the excluded,

the refugee,

the immigrant,

the elderly,

the child,

the lonely,

the victim of war,

the abused,

the hungry,

the persecuted,

the one you have already judged,

the one I have already judged...

If you would recognise them

then

slow down,

let your hands unclench,

simply breathe,

and

light

a candle

of welcome

in the

window

of your soul...

As the old poem put it...

"Often, often, often

goes the Christ

in the stranger's guise"...



#### A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

The Light of the Christmas Star to you  
The Warmth of home and hearth to you  
The Cheer and good will of Friends to you  
The Hope of a childlike heart to you  
The Joy of a thousand angels to you  
The Love of the Son and God's peace to you



#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### Tuesday 25th

10.00 Morning Mass ( Senior Choir)

11.15 Family Mass Christmas Day

**NO EVENING MASS**

##### Wednesday 26th

10.00 Edith Padbury [A]

##### Thursday 27th

10.00

##### Friday 28th

10.00 Emer Ryan 1st [A] &

Her husband Michael [A]

##### Saturday 29th

10.00

6.00 Josephine Donaldson [A]

##### Sunday 30th

10.00 Elizabeth Hackett [A]

Joan Miller [A]

11.15 Maisie & Patrick Cahill [A]

Teddy Owens [A]

Anna O'Brien [A]

7.30

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be closed**

**Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and St. Stephen's  
Day and will close from 27th December until 1st  
January at 5.00pm**



**Where God is born, hope is born. Where God is  
born, peace is born. And where peace is born,  
there is no longer room for hatred and for**



Oh Infant Jesus, Son of our Lord

Who spreads special love and is widely adored

You brightened the world on the day of your birth

And many years later, saved people on earth

Many people had seen and followed the star

They came from all over, some travelled afar

All came to praise You, the young and the old

Some came with gifts, like frankincense and gold

All those who looked in the manger and saw

The little Lord Jesus were filled with great awe

The Blessed Mother Mary gave birth to God's Son

And Saint Joseph raised him, as God would have done

As He lay sleeping, on His small bed of hay

The people all rejoiced, He has come, praise the day

The shepherds, the angels, and the wise men of three

All came to gaze on the Saviour to be

No one who came to the infant yet knew

All the wonderful miracles this child would do

He would heal the sick, and give hope to the poor

He would give all He had to His people and more

The Light of the World, the Saviour is here

He will teach us and guide us and we'll have no fear

He will bring us a message, the word from above

And that message is simple, the message is **LOVE**

Far up in Heaven, the joy of Christ rang

The angels were smiling and happy souls sang

Come hear the good news, they said with great joy

Praise our dear Lord and His new baby boy

God gave Him a message, His one only Son

To save all his people, to make them as one

He was sent down to help us and show us the way

So we may be part of God's Kingdom someday

The Infant Jesus came as God's Eternal Light

A light that shines forever, so clear and so bright

I will follow that light till the end of my days

I will worship my God and give him my praise

I celebrate His birthday at Christmas each year

A day that fills people with laughter and cheer

The presents don't matter, but I know what does

My Jesus, who will be, is now, and who was

But the angel said to them, "Do not  
be afraid. I bring you good news that  
will cause great joy for all the people."

Luke 2:10

