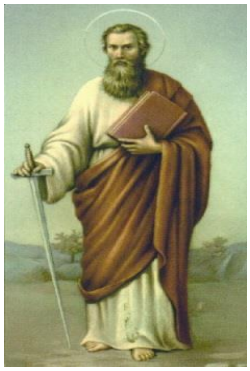

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, CHESHUNT

24 & 25 DECEMBER, 2024

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Tuesday	**24th (Christmas Eve)**	**5.00 pm**	**Parents & Children**
		11.15 pm	**Peace of the world**
Wednesday	**25th (Christmas Day)**	**9.00 am**	**Parents and Children**
		11.00 am	**People of the Parish**

Please refer to readings from the Mass book

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us

COMMUNITY'S APPRECIATION

"This is the day that the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." I am happy to report that all our Parish activities are fully back on track except the summer get together. Church attendance is about 70% of pre pandemic numbers; between mid-September 2024 and Mid-October 2024, we had 815 people entering our church, an average of 203 a week. Last summer, eleven children were baptised whilst 19 children received First Holy Communion. Around the same time, 24 of our youth were confirmed by Bishop Paul McAleenan. One marriage was done outside the parish. Three adults are currently undergoing the RCIA course to become a catholic or to be received into the church. Two couples are getting ready for their holy matrimony in 2025. In the Spring we had a successful Planned Giving Drive – thank you for your support. Church windows, gutters and other maintenance works in the presbytery were carried out successfully in the course of the year. Moving forward, more needs to be done, but it will take our collective effort coupled with God's blessings to get there. I therefore invite more volunteers to help build our parish community.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and may all your hopes and dreams for 2025 come true. God bless you.