



26 October 2023

## **Pastoral Statement for Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day Masses 2023**

This year Christmas Vigil 24 December 2023, falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, while Christmas day 25 December 2023 falls on a Monday.

At our meeting of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei in January 2023, we have decided as follows:

1. All the masses on 24 December 2023, that Sunday, including the evening masses, will be the regular Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.
2. The night Mass of Sunday 24 December will be the Christmas night Vigil Mass.
3. The day Mass of Monday 25 December will be the Christmas day mass.

Therefore, Catholics should come on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec to fulfill the Sunday mass obligation and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> night Vigil Mass or Monday 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas day.

Wishing you the Lord's abundant blessings.

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