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A TIME TO SAY GOODBYE
&
A TIME TO SAY HELLO!

NEW BEGINNINGS.
NEW DAYS.
NEW DREAMS.
NEW WAYS.





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1. Mother Mary and Infant Jesus by Lisbeth Fincy





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2. From The Vicar's Desk

These are unprecedented times and we witness a pandemic which seemed so unreal until it started striking us or our beloved ones. As the parable of king getting the inscription 'This too shall pass' to look at moments of abundance and challenge. Let us remember our own times of challenge and abundance. They were all impermanent; they all passed or shall pass away.

God wants you and me to be restored to goodness. We all often mistake things which are old to be good or best. No, not every old way has to be good, rather discern the goodness God is yet to lead us into. Strive and look forward towards a restoration which God has in store for us. Remember what Jesus tells Martha, in St. John 11:40 "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

Most of us do not like waiting. It can be a very frustrating experience for some. The worst kind of waiting of all is waiting on God to act or as we say some miracle to happen. However, if we look at the lives of all God's chosen, they wait on God to have God's plan fulfilled. Noah trusted God and built an ark while waiting for the flood to come. Abraham waits to see God's plan fulfilled. Joseph thought that he had nothing to live for when he was sold by his brothers and was later sent to prison. But God had better plans for him from there and he was made great. David was promised kingship, but he had to wait for the right time. God has his plans drafted for us and we only need to trust His good plans.

Let us believe that while we are working on our projects, our plans, our goals, God is working through us. Hope is the element that keeps us going! And when we hear through the prophet Jeremiah about God telling us: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

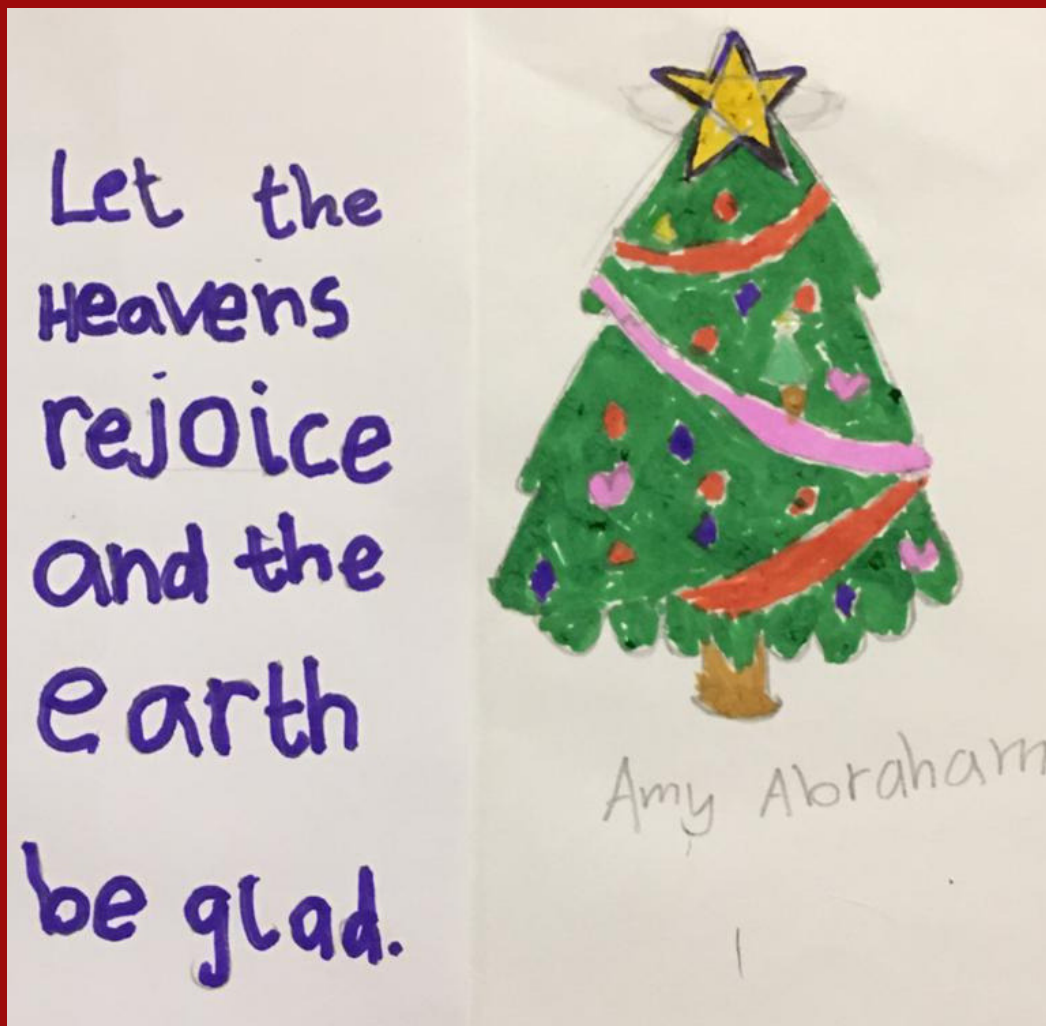
God Bless! Stay Safe.

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3. The Christmas Tree by Amy Abraham





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4. What is Christmas? by Oisin John



“Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” Mat 2:23

“Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December, on the occasion of the birth of Jesus Christ. One can write for ages about the many wonders that Christmas inspires in people. This holiday is also famous for the different customs that are associated with it and even though Christmas is celebrated in all Christian countries there are differences in the way each nation commemorates this date.

Christmas Traditions:

One of the most famous symbols of this holiday is the Christmas tree. The idea originated in Germany and later on, it was spread to the rest of the western world by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. This event was meant for the entire family to enjoy a day before the 25th of December.

The famous Santa Claus celebrated in many movies and made famous by Coca-Cola commercials is actually Saint Nicholas and he is traditionally celebrated on the 6th of December. Santa goes around town and checks if all the children were good and if they were, he left them a present, but if a child misbehaved often the Krampus would come to punish them by leaving a whip for the parents. This myth was taken on by the movie industry and transformed into the white beard and red-coated child hero of today. Traditionally Christmas is celebrated by a Church mass in the morning and then by a family meal later on in the day.



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Modern Christmas:

Christmas is famous as the time of the year when we give gifts to each other and appropriately this is also the time when companies try to sell everything they can. Marketing experts know how to use the traditional symbols of Christmas to make you want to buy something that you do not actually need. Not to mention that every gift that Santa brings has to be bought somewhere and every child wants a visit from their favorite imagined gift giver. The consumer society has transformed this holiday and made it part of its cosmology, the basic elements are still here but everything is set around decoration, gifts, and movies.

Christmas still remains one of the coziest times of the year, spending time at home with the people we love, embraced, watching movies and surrounded by flickering lights. This is the image I have in my head when I think about Christmas. Which brings warmth to my heart.

What is Christmas telling us?

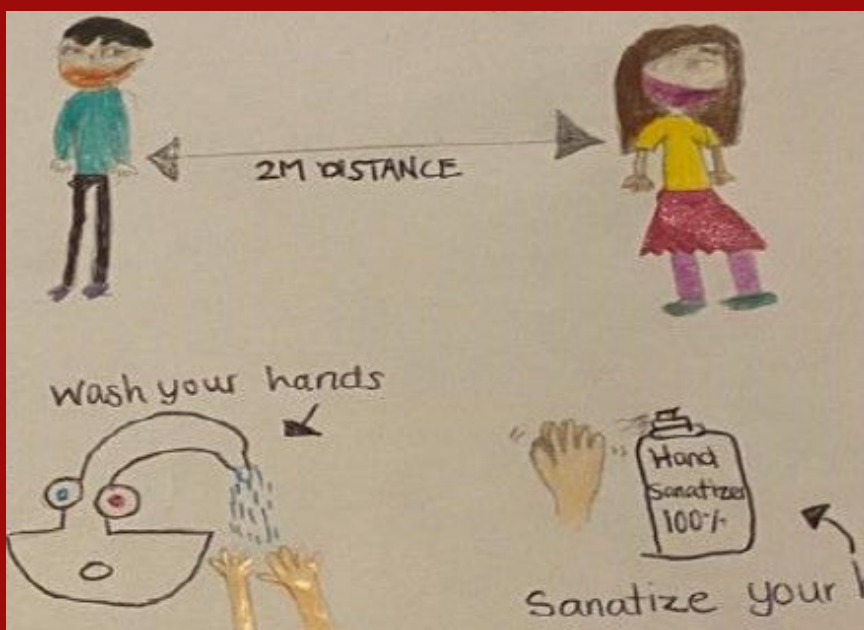
The true meaning of Christmas is that of the birth of Jesus Christ. We fail to follow this and think about Christmas as a day where kids get their presents and is all about celebration without worship. The idea of giving presents originates from St. Nicholas giving gifts to children. Christmas is also a day to spend time with family and to share the joy of the birth of Christ. It is also a day to ensure that Christ is born within ourselves. We, the church is the body of Jesus Christ.





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5. 2020 - The Year I can't Forget by Norah Abraham



My experiences of 2020 were...

At the start of the year I thought it was going to be a good year but then the virus came And then lockdown started.

I didn't like the lockdown because it was boring staying at home doing nothing. And then we had to homeschool it was hard.

When the school started there were rules like Social distance, don't hug, wash your hands and Sanitize, but I was happy to go back to school.

I love to go to church but the only hard thing is that I need to wear a mask for long which make me hard to breathe.



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6. Christmas Wishes by Ann Abraham





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7. My Resilience in a Pandemic by Alfie Mathew

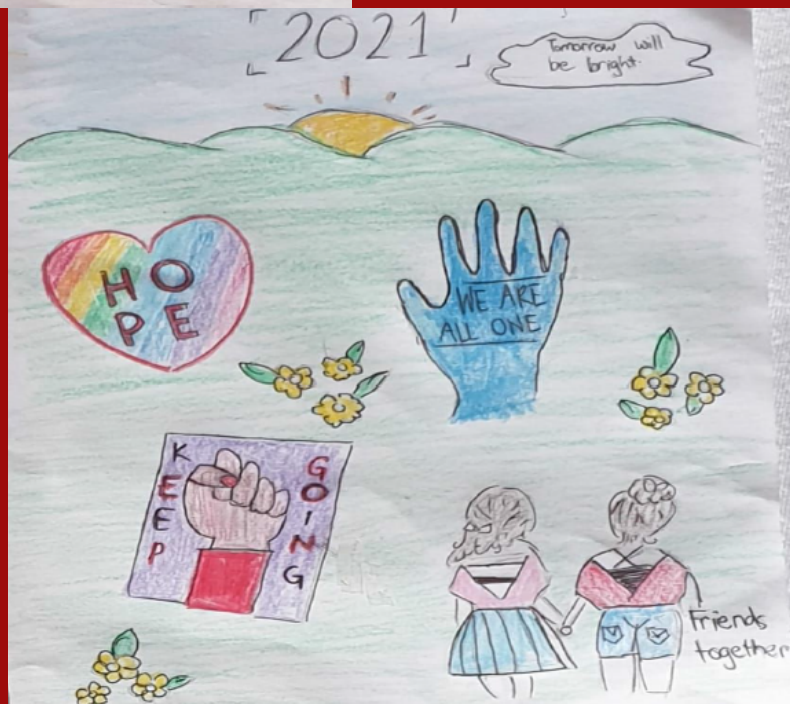
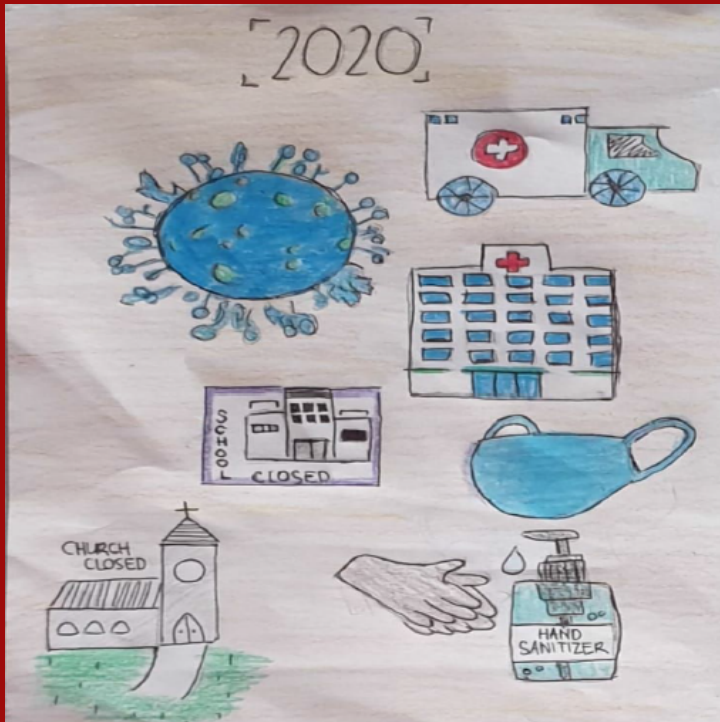


When this unexpected pandemic started I felt disappointed because my school shut down and I could not go out due to COVID restrictions. During the period I missed playing with my friends and going for cycling. But I decided to overcome my sadness. I helped my dad with some chores like gardening, painting and cleaning. I also helped my mom cooking and other household chores. I used to play video games with my brother. My schooling changed. I got this online homework through this app called seesaw. At 6 O'Clock every evening me and my parents went for a walk within 5 km radius. That's how I managed to overcome this hard phase with the support of my parents. I missed going to church on Saturdays and Sundays. I hope in the future everything will be back to normal. I wish everyone good luck in 2021.



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8. 2020 vs 2021 by
Arlene Anil George





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9. Christmas Poem by Aaron Saju

It's not the presents that I love
Or the songs that are void of
Any real meaning, not really caring for
The spirit of christmas and forgetting the reason
for the holiday season

It's not for the Christmas trees or festivities,
Those are just accessories.
Adding to the wonder and joy
Caused by the birth of a special baby boy

This christmas make it better,
Send texts to old friends
And enemies to make amends
Smile and make someone's efforts worthwhile,
Give more to the poor and live in less grandeur

Because Christmas is about our lord,
not items that you can't afford advertised on billboards.
Christmas is for celebrating our blessings
And for our sins confessing
Letting go of the past year and progressing

Its about being with the ones we love
Sharing our thanks to God above for his grace and
Giving us the opportunity to make the world a better place



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10. Nativity Poem by Sarah Abraham

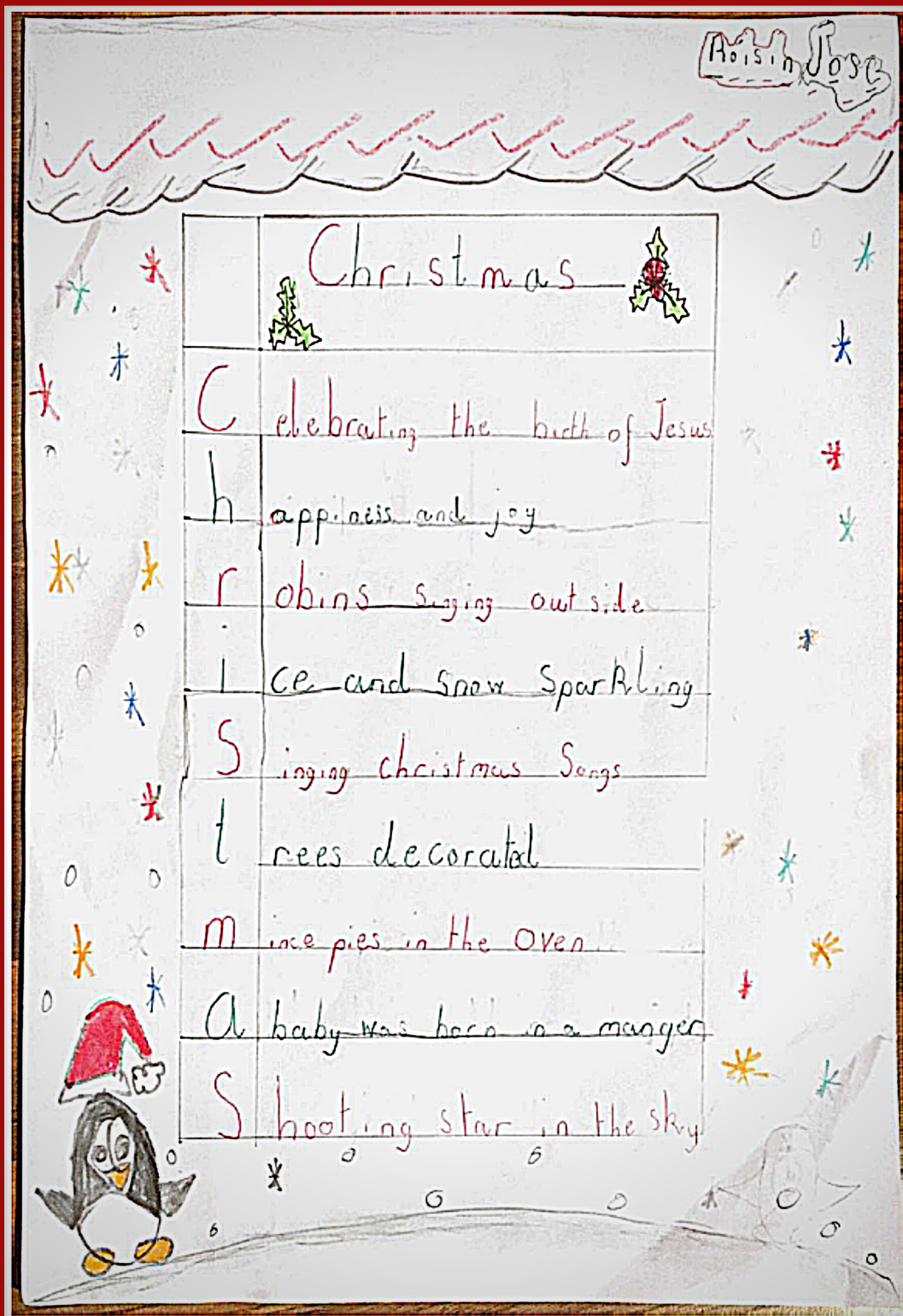
Christmas is a time of joy,
When Mary bore a baby boy,
To Bethlehem the happy couple went,
They couldn't find shelter not even a tent,
In the end they found a tiny manger,
Which was the birth place of our saviour,
Soon shepherds came by,
To say hello and hi,
Three wise men followed a star,
To see the king from very far,
They gave gifts of frankincense, myrrh, and gold,
Which was what we were all told,
And angels praised him happily,
With laughter they sung their songs with glee,
Today we remember that time of year,
We can feel that God is very near!





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11. About Christmas by Roisin Jose





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12. Christmas Collage by Jeff Paul





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13. Nativity Drawing by Ephraim Saju





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14. Events - 2020



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