

THE TRUE ESSENCE OF CHRISTMAS



I am reminded of a short story that I read some time ago. A world statesman was an honoured guest at the coronation of King Edward VII of England in 1901 .Days later when he returned home; he was asked what sight of the coronation ceremony impressed him the most. He surprised his family by his answer: He said “As I was returning home to my hotel that night, I saw a boy huddled in a doorway with his tiny sister. It was icy cold. The boy took off his coat and wrapped it round her to keep her

warm. This sight was more impressive than even the coronation itself”

What is Christmas? **“Christmas is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, and think of others in need, it’s Christmas.”**

It is God’s generous giving that made Him send His only Son Jesus Christ to this earth to be amongst us. The birth of Jesus Christ did not take place in a big palace but in a stable .He was born to humble and poor parents, who had nothing to boast about, except their own spotless character and their holiness.

The coronavirus pandemic has held the world to ransom. Now, more than ever, we feel helpless as it has made us sense our limitations and the restrictions of our freedom. It has made us discover the importance of simplicity, of keeping our eyes fixed on the essentials of life and it has shown us our own need for a helping hand.

This Christmas, God comes to offer himself to us as a little baby. We see him when we take into our arms, raise up and embrace the thirsty, the hungry, the poor, the sick, and anyone who knocks at our door for help and assistance.

Amidst all our enjoyment and festivity let us remember that God invites us to be messengers of hope for those encountering loss of jobs, death of a dear one, failure in business and so forth. God invites us to be agents of love, generosity and hospitality.

I wish the staff, non teaching staff, students and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year 2021.

May God bless each one of you and may you experience His Presence in your lives.

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