



ST JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH CHRISTMAS DAY - 25TH OF DECEMBER 2025

A Christmas and Jubilee Year Reflection – Pilgrims of Hope

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, the words of John 1:1-18 invite us to pause and reflect on the profound mystery of our faith: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth." These sacred words remind us that God did not remain distant or silent in the face of human suffering and uncertainty. Instead, He chose to come into our world, to share our joys and sorrows, and to walk with us in every step of our lives.

This year, our journey has been marked by the Church's Jubilee Year, a time of reflection, renewal, and hope. As the Jubilee concludes on 6th January, we are reminded that faith is a pilgrimage—a journey not just in distance, but in love, forgiveness, and devotion. The Jubilee has called us to embrace hope, to walk courageously as witnesses to God's mercy, and to live as Pilgrims of Hope, sharing the light of Christ in our homes, our parish, and the wider world.

Looking back over the past year, we acknowledge the many challenges that have tested our communities and our world. There have been times of uncertainty, loss, and struggle—moments that have stretched our hearts and faith. Yet, even amid these trials, the light of Christ has never failed to shine. His Word became flesh and continues to dwell among us, offering comfort to the weary, healing to the broken, and hope to those who feel lost or alone.

Christmas calls us to open our hearts once more to this divine presence. It is a season that reminds us that God's love is real, tangible, and transformative. As we gather with family, friends, and our parish community, we celebrate the gift of Emmanuel—God with us—and the promise that His light will guide us through every challenge. May this holy season inspire us to acts of kindness, reconciliation, and compassion, bringing hope and joy to those around us.

As we look ahead to 2026, we place our trust in the Lord's enduring guidance. We pray that the New Year will bring healing where there has been pain, reconciliation where there has been division, and renewed strength and hope in our hearts. May the lessons of the past year deepen our faith, draw us closer to God, and strengthen our commitment to live as witnesses of His love and mercy.

Let us journey forward together, as a parish family, encouraged by the Gospel, renewed by the Jubilee Year, and strengthened as Pilgrims of Hope. May we continue to reflect the light of Christ in our words, actions, and presence in the world.

From our parish family to yours, we wish you a blessed Christmas, a joyous New Year 2026, and the abiding peace, love, and grace of God to guide you in every step of your journey.

With every blessing, - Fr Jerald.

A Christmas Message of Thanks from Fr Jerald and Fr Libeesh

As we celebrate the joy and hope of Christ's birth this Christmas, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who give so generously of their time, talents, and love to our parish throughout the year.

To our Visiting Priest, Parish Staff, Liturgy Team, Sacristans, Choir Members, Volunteers and everyone who quietly serves behind the scenes—you bring life, warmth, and faith to our parish family. Your dedication makes our liturgies, ministries, and community events meaningful and welcoming for all.

At this special time of year, we pray that God blesses you and your families with peace, joy, and abundant grace. May the light of Christ fill your hearts and homes, and may 2026 be a year of hope, love, and continued blessings for our parish community.

Thank you for all that you do. Christmas would not be the same without your generosity and commitment to our parish family.

With gratitude and every blessing,
Fr Jerald and Fr Libeesh

We would like to wish each of you a wonderful New Year.
May each day of the New Year Bring happiness, good cheer and sweet surprises...

To you and all your dear ones!

Happy New Year!

A Note of Thanks and Request for Support

We sincerely thank all our parishioners for their generous support in the past, which has enabled us to purchase new equipment and maintain our church facilities. Your contributions have made a real difference in keeping our parish a welcoming and vibrant community.

We are now seeking your support once again for the next phase of improvements: the refurbishment of the hospitality and kitchen area in the foyer, as well as the replacement of the carpet in the church. Any contribution, no matter the size, is greatly appreciated and will help us continue to care for our parish home.

If you are able to assist, donations can be made via bank transfer:

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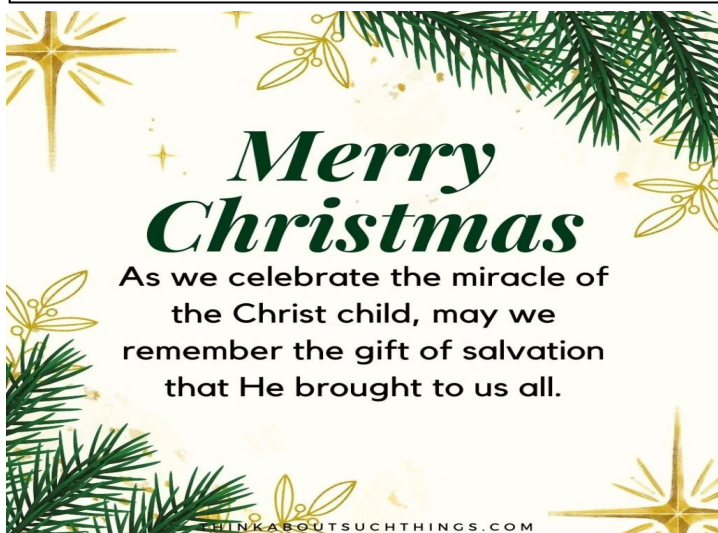
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Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to our parish community.



Christmas is a time to remember
The birth of Jesus Christ
And the reason He came so long ago
As God's living sacrifice —
With no other purpose but to reconcile
Your life to God above,
Christ's life is truly a gift to you,
He willingly gave in love.

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