Dear Friends,
Welcome to our Parish Christmas celebration! Thank you for being here.

A special welcome to any newcomers and visitors in our midst, and to those who may have been away for a while. What an opportunity this is to enjoy the faith that joins us together as one family, and to experience the peace and loving mercy of God this Christmas.

Today, God speaks to us and draws close to us in a special way. Today, we celebrate a very special gift of God’s love and mercy – Jesus Christ, the face of the Father’s mercy and the Word made flesh.

As Christians, we believe that the sending of Jesus Christ into the world is the greatest of all ways in which God has spoken and drawn close to us. Through the gift of Jesus, God is closer to us in love and mercy than anyone ever dared to imagine! God our Creator is not just beyond and above us, but with us at every moment of our human story.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, we open our hearts and listen for God’s Word of peace and mercy.

Take time to share God’s love and mercy with others: through a conversation filled with kindness, a note or e-mail of love and encouragement, a smile for a stranger, a gesture of forgiveness or reconciliation, a prayer of gratitude.

For today we celebrate, not just an event in the past, but an experience of God’s peace, love and mercy here with us in the present.

As members of the Body of Christ our lives “tell the story” of God’s great mercy and love.

Through our words and actions today, the love and mercy of God reaches others.

Happy Christmas!
May the peace of Christ be with you!

- Fr Francis Constantino
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