



Christmas 2009

Dear Parishioners,

The great and timeless gift of Christmas is that, in Christ, God promises to be with us always and in every circumstance we face.

And, with the gift there follows a challenge: to ‘flesh out’ within the ordinary and everyday the extraordinary love of Christ we see lived out in his ministry and on every page of the Gospels.

Christmas is more than a day. It is an event that ought to shape our lives as well:

**When the song of  
the angels is stilled,  
when the star  
in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and priests are home,  
when the shepherds  
are back with their flocks...**

**The work of  
Christmas begins...**

**To find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among peoples...**

**To make music in the heart!**

(adapted from “The Mood of Christmas  
And Other Celebrations”)

Together with the parish staff at Our Lady of the Lake, I wish all of you happiness this Christmas and hope throughout the New Year!

Sincerely in Christ,

*Father Tim Clark*