



Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney 2020 Christmas Message

We've all been looking forward to Christmas this year, haven't we? For most of us, we will just make it to the finish line and will be glad to see the back of 2020.

We desperately need the joy of Christmas and the deeper meaning of this festival. The main thing we have we learned from COVID-19 is that we crave relationship with others without the frustration of social distancing and face masks.

Christmas represents the great unmasking of God. In the coming of Jesus, we see God's face. The Bible tells us "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us". God took off his mask and revealed himself in such an extraordinary way as a human being.

When lockdown stripped away so many things that used to fill our lives, we learned what was important to us. Relationships. From Christmas we learn that the most important relationship we can ever have is with Jesus – God unmasked.

Have a happy Christmas

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