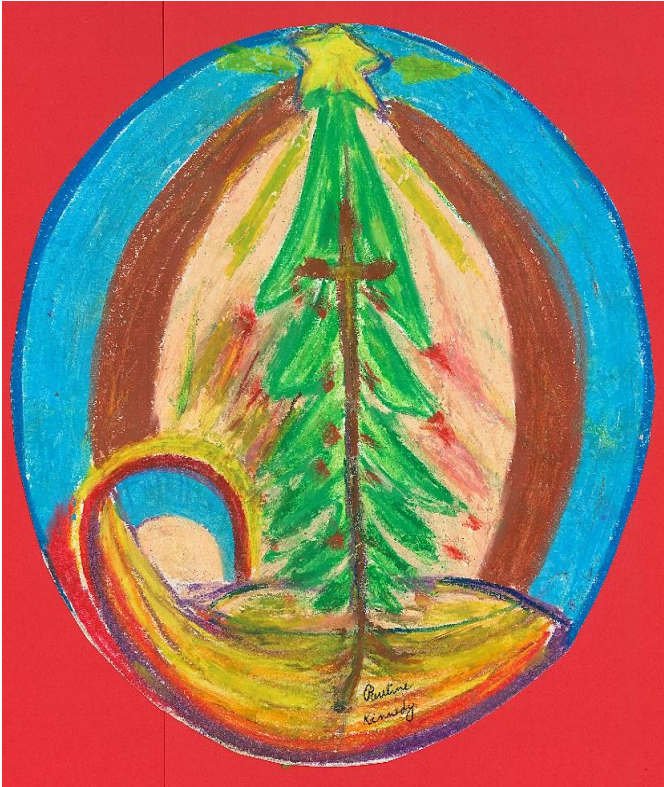


HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON'S GREETINGS



ST THERESE'S PARISH
PEACE ✦ HOPE ✦ JOY ✦ LOVE

Dear friends at St Therese's,

Here we are with another year ending, after over two years of a very different way of operating.

It's a season to celebrate, as we await some decent summer weather, after a wet and cool start! Yet, it has not been an easy time for those adversely affected by the recent floods, with the inevitable ongoing recovery and maintenance required.

At the same time, we need to acknowledge the good things that have happened during the year. Parish life is returning to some sort of normality, as we prepare to gather for Christmas celebrations with family and friends.

Our parish staff and volunteers have once again done a great job in keeping me and parish activities organised. In particular, there was the recent parish Centenary Mass, which took much planning and practice by all who were involved. There were many happy reflections and memories of times gone by, as we also look forward to the future.

Then, there are the parish groups getting back into gear as well, and I thank all for their involvement and dedication. And we also look forward to working co-operatively with the West Essendon Parish community of Our Lady of the Nativity in 2023.

The Christmas message of peace and good will is something which sadly falls short in much of today's world, but the spirit starts at home, and the best we can do is to spread a bit of that peace and good will in our own environment.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year in 2023.

John Hannon Parish Priest

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PLEASE JOIN US THIS YEAR

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 20 December
7:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Saturday 24 December
10:00am Mass

5:30pm Carols & 6:00pm Mass
8:00pm Carols & 8:30pm Mass
10:30pm Carols & 11:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Sunday 25 December
10:00am Mass

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