



CHRISTMAS 2020- a reflection!

Part of the lead up to Christmas each year is for many people in their homes, their shopping arcades and definitely their churches is the prominent display of what could be called *figurines*. In itself there is nothing wrong with these displays only the temptation is not to allow their display to be the only real Christmas movement that we choose to make each year.

What could be more effective is a deliberate *tweaking* of our life attitudes and actions to be more Christ like. Perhaps what could be implemented is to take time aside on Christmas day before the major meal to briefly mention how God so loved the world that he sent his son into the world as a baby to reveal the depth of that love for each one of us. This challenges us to remember the timeless reality that *Jesus is really the reason for the Christmas season!*

Of course Christmas is a time for family and friends and the sharing of extra joy but it needs to be so much more as well. The real success of Christmas each year is if it brings us individually and collectively a bit closer in love with God and with one another. It was said by St Athanasius; *“That God’s aim at Christmas was that he became like we are so that we can then become like he is...”* Before us is an awesome yet realistic challenge and responsibility! *Fr Martin R Maunsell*