

Writings: Christmas 2020

When Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph found themselves far from home, away from the family and friends who could support them in having and caring for a newborn child and residing in a stable because there was no room at the inn. Under difficult circumstances, they trusted in God, kept going and made it up as they went along. This Christmas, many of us find ourselves far from family and friends, separated from the holiday traditions which add meaning to the season and residing at home with only our immediate household. Like the parents of Jesus, we are challenged to trust in God, keep going despite Covid 19 and keep making it up as we go along as we have during this pandemic. Joseph and Mary remind us in difficult circumstances: that while God may seem far from us He is as close as the infant Christ was to his mother; that while distance may force us to be away from family and friends it cannot separate us from their love; and that while residing at home may restrict our movement it need not keep us from creating new memories for the future.

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