

SACRED HEART
SANDRINGHAM



'The Flight Into Egypt' by Caravaggio

CHRISTMAS 2011

A CHRISTMAS LIST....*Anonymous*

“Fear less, hope more;
Eat less, chew more;
Whine less, breathe more;
Talk less, say more;
Hate less, love more;
And all good things will be yours.”



CHRIST BORN IN US

Meister Eckhart once said: ‘What good is it that Christ was born 2000 years ago if he is not born now in your heart?’



WHERE TO SEARCH FOR THE LORD.....*James F Colaianni*

“The Christmas story reminds us once again it was not man’s idea that the son of God should be born in a stable. And so the first thing we learn from Jesus’ birth is that the Lord will not always be found where we expect to find Him.

We tend to look for Him in the nice, the clean, the warm. We expect Him to be in churches and in the Bible and in hymns of praise and in Christmas cards which have Scripture verses on them.....And if these are the only places we search for the Lord, then we’re not looking in the stable.

This reality is expressed with dramatic force in these lines from Michael Quoist’s book called *Prayers* :

‘I am not made of plaster, nor of stone, nor of bronze. I am living flesh throbbing, suffering. I am among men (and women) and they have not recognized Me. I am poorly paid, I am unemployed, I live in a slum. I am sick, I sleep under bridges, I am in prison. I am oppressed, I am patronized. I sweat men’s blood on all battlefields. I cry out in the night and die in the solitude of battle.

And yet I said to them: ‘Whatever you do to My brothers (or sisters), however humble, you do to Me.’ That’s clear! The terrible thing is that they know it, but don’t take it seriously.”

A PRAYER AT CHRISTMAS DINNER by Robert Louis Stevenson

"**We** thank you for this place in which we dwell,
for the love that unites us,
for the peace accorded us this day,
for the hope with which we expect the morrow,
for the work, the health, the food
and bright skies which make our lives delightful for our friends in all
parts of the earth."

CHRISTMAS IS FOR ADULTS... ..*William Freburger*

"**The** real reason for celebrating Christmas is that it happened **once**. And that one time changed the world. The infant born that first Christmas grew in wisdom and age and strength; he suffered and died and rose again; and he save his people from their sins.

This saving feast, for once and for all, has given birth to a special child who becomes the model and pattern for our human growth and wholeness.

The real secret of Christmas—if we must treat it as a secret—is that the feast is foradults!"



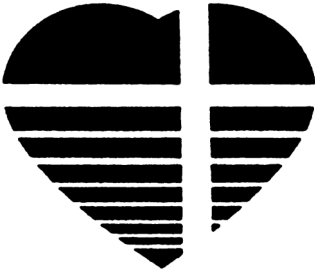
CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER.....*Frank Borman, Apollo 8 space mission 1968*

'**Give** us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world in spite of human failure.

Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness.

Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts.

And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace.'



Sacred Heart Parish Sandringham

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for Week after Christmas:

Mass Times : Monday - Communion Service 9.30am
Tuesday - Mass 5pm
Wed & Thurs - Mass 9.30am
Friday - Communion Service 9.30am