



Fr. Matt's Musings Christmas 2018

Merry, Happy Christmas

After Masses this past weekend, many wished me a Merry Christmas. Many of our parishioners are traveling or may attend Mass at another parish with family or friends. It was a reminder to me about the importance of OLG. That simple greeting was repeated over and over among fellow believers. I understand the reason for Happy Holidays in the general public, but it is good to be able to celebrate Christmas with our parish community.

I also enjoy being greeted by those born in the United Kingdom at this time of year. I love being wished a Happy Christmas. It is a second Christmas reminder. Not every Christmas is a merry one for everyone. Family or financial difficulties, the absence of loved ones due to distance, separations or death or health problems can rob the season of some of its merriment. It seems to me that happiness can still be experienced at Christmas. We can be happy with what is while at the same time experience sadness at what was or what is no longer. This Christmas, I am happy to be a member of the OLG community. I am happy to be an Oblate priest. I am happy to celebrate Christmas with my siblings and their families and that we are all healthy. I am happy to have good friends. Finally, I am happy that we have a God who loves us so much that Jesus came in time to live our life, experience our joys and pains, to suffer and die to save us and offer us everlasting life. And it all started on Christmas Day! Merry, Happy Christmas!

Live Jesus!

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