

CHRISTMAS NEWYEAR SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT JANUARY 2025

Christmas – God’s Love Incarnate

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him” (Jn. 3, 17). The word of God teaches us that the fundamental goal of the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ is the total and complete salvation of humanity. Jesus Christ is the salvific and creative incarnation of God’s love for the salvation of humanity. “This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him” (1Jn. 4, 9).

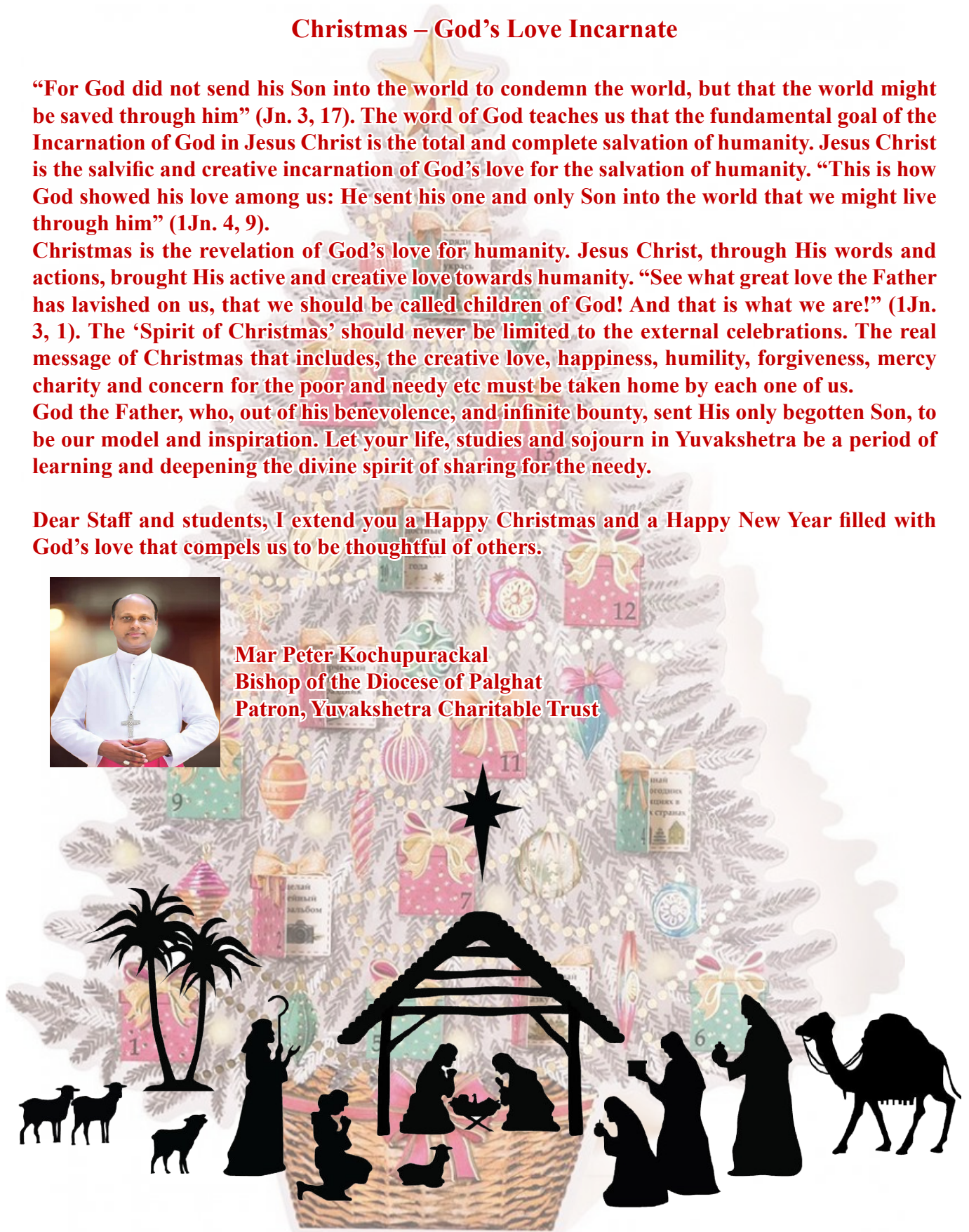
Christmas is the revelation of God’s love for humanity. Jesus Christ, through His words and actions, brought His active and creative love towards humanity. “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” (1Jn. 3, 1). The ‘Spirit of Christmas’ should never be limited to the external celebrations. The real message of Christmas that includes, the creative love, happiness, humility, forgiveness, mercy charity and concern for the poor and needy etc must be taken home by each one of us.

God the Father, who, out of his benevolence, and infinite bounty, sent His only begotten Son, to be our model and inspiration. Let your life, studies and sojourn in Yuvakshetra be a period of learning and deepening the divine spirit of sharing for the needy.

Dear Staff and students, I extend you a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with God’s love that compels us to be thoughtful of others.



Mar Peter Kochupurackal
Bishop of the Diocese of Palghat
Patron, Yuvakshetra Charitable Trust



Dear Students and Staff,

As we are about to celebrate the joyous season of Christmas, I would like to take a moment to reflect over the true meaning of Christmas. In the midst of all the hustle and bustle, let us all join our souls together to embrace the blessings of Christmas. As people of faith, we are called to remember that Christmas is not just a holiday, but a 'holy day' - a day to recall the incredible gift of God's love and presence among us. The story of Christmas is story of a Saviour who brought light into the darkness, peace into the chaos, love into the midst of fear and uncertainty. We are called to cultivate a sense of gratitude to God and our fellow beings. In this Christmas season, I encourage you to take a step back from the busy schedules of your life and to reflect on the things that truly matter. Take time to pray, to meditate, and to seek guidance from the One who is the source of all wisdom and love. Devote your time to reach out to those around you - to your friends, your family, and your community - and to share the joy and love of the season with them. As we celebrate Christmas, let us all remember that He is the one who brings light into our darkness, hope into our despair, and love into our lives. May this Christmas season be a time of joy, peace, and renewal for each and every one of you. May you experience the love and presence of God in a deep and profound way, and may you be filled with the hope and promise of a brighter future.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May God bless you all.



Rev. Dr. Mathew George Vazhayil
Director
Yuvakshetra IMS

A Heartfelt Christmas Message !!!

As we embraced the spirit of Christmas bid adieu to another year, I extend my warmest wishes to all our esteemed stakeholders - our brilliant students, dedicated faculty, supportive staff, and valued parents. This year, due to unavoidable circumstances like the Centralized Valuation, our students were unable to experience the joy of Christmas celebrations in campus. However, we promise to make up for it with a vibrant New Year's Eve celebration on the 31st of December. I encourage all students to join us, dressed in their colorful best with proper groomings.

Let's take a moment to reflect on the past year. A self-evaluation can be a powerful tool to identify areas of growth and set new goals. As we step into the new year, let's strive for excellence in all our endeavors.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with peace, joy, and prosperity. May the coming year bring you success, happiness, and good health

With warm regards,

Dr. Tomy Antony
Principal
Yuvakshetra IMS



Every Human is Important

Christmas brings us the message that every human being is important. The Crib and Manger become the important backgrounds for Charismas, ONLY because of the presence of God Incarnate and other human beings who are created in the 'image and likeness of God'.

In the traditional Christmas Crib or Nativity scene, every human being plays an essential role, each representing different aspects of the Christmas story. Let us see how every character contributes and increases the relevance:

Mary - As the mother of Jesus, Mary represents love, faith, and humility. Her acceptance of God's will makes her central to the Christmas message, symbolizing devotion and grace.

Joseph - The earthly father of Jesus, Joseph's role signifies trust and obedience. His decision to protect Mary and raise Jesus as his own showcases faithfulness and selflessness.

Baby Jesus - The central figure in the nativity, Jesus represents the hope and salvation brought into the world. His birth is the reason for the celebration, and His presence in the Crib symbolizes the incarnation of God's love and light.

The Shepherds - Often depicted as humble and simple, the shepherds symbolize the importance of humility and the idea that Jesus came for all people, especially the poor and marginalized. Their visit to the crib represents faith and the willingness to follow God's message.

The Wise Men (Magi) - They, typically depicted as kings or sages, represent wisdom, seeking, and recognizing the divine. Their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh symbolize the acknowledgement of Jesus as king, God, and the savior of humanity.

Angels - While not always human, the angels play a crucial role in communicating God's message to the shepherds and guiding them to the nativity scene. They represent the divine and heavenly presence, praising God for the birth of Jesus.

All these figures appear in the Crib, in different unique way, highlights the core aspects like love, faith, humility, hope etc of the Christmas story. They remind us of the importance of each person in God's plan, reflecting the idea that every human being is valuable and part of the greater story of salvation. Let us realize the value and worth of human Beings.



I wish you a Happy Christmas! and a Peace- filled New Year ahead!!

Rev. Dr. Joseph Olikkalkoonal
Chief Editor, Yuvavox Newsletter
Vice Principal, Yuvakshetra IMS

May this Christmas season fill all your hearts with peace, love, and happiness. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may His blessings guide us through the coming year, filling our lives with purpose and grace. Wishing everyone a merry Christmas filled with blessings and a New Year brimming with joy and prosperity.

May your Christmas be a time of reflection, renewal and celebration

Rev. Fr. Shaju Angeeveetil
Bursar
Yuvakshetra IMS



Christmas is always an occasion that brings you hope, happiness and prosperity. May the festive feels of this Christmas season elevate yourselves to more positive thoughts and enlightenment. May the peace and love of Christ be with you this season. Remember, you are always loved and cherished by God, and may that blessings and love shone brightly in your hearts forever, guiding you on your journey and illuminating your path with wisdom, hope and faith.

I wish you a Happy Christmas & Happy New Year



Rev. Dr. Lino Emmatty
Assistant Director
Yuvakshetra IMS

I wish to take this as an opportunity to wish all my dear students, faculties and colleagues, a blessed Christmas that would take you closer to God and to each other. May the season's magic lift your spirit, and fill your heart with love and tranquility.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.



Rev. Fr. Nidhin Maniyanckerikalam
Assistant Director
Yuvakshetra IMS

Christmas @ YIMS

Yuvakshetra Institute of Management Studies organized a Christmas celebration for the teaching and non-teaching staff on 22 December 2024. The programme started with a prayer song by Ms. Sharon Stanley, Asst. Professor, PG Dept. of English Language and Literature. The Asst. Director, Rev. Dr. Lino Stephen Emmatty welcomed the gathering. Rev. Dr. Mathew George Vazhayil, Director, YIMS gave the Christmas message. Dr. Tomy Antony, Principal, YIMS, officially addressed the gathering. Rev. Dr. Joseph Olikkalkoonal updated various happenings in the college and wished everyone a merry Christmas. After the official programmes, all the dignitaries cut the Christmas cake and shared the season's sweet. Faculties from various departments performed their talents before everyone, which added much beauty to the occasion. Then, the much awaited gift exchange kicked off and all staff exchanged their gifts. The programme ended happily with everyone exchanging their warm wishes and love. Dr. Siji George, Staff Secretary coordinated the programme.



Christmas Celebration at Helen Keller Centenary Memorial Model School

The PG Department of Commerce, Yuvakshetra Institute of Management Studies (YIMS) organized a heartwarming Christmas Celebration at the Helen Keller Centenary Memorial Model School for the Blind in Karipuzha, Palakkad. The event was held on 18 December, 2024, commencing at 4.00 PM.

The celebration was a collaborative effort with Spirito Publico and the IQAC. The programme coordinators were Mr. Sreeraj MK and Ms. Reshma U, Assistant Professors from the PG Department of Commerce at YIMS. The programme was embellished with Rev. Dr. Joseph Olikkalkoonal, Vice Principal, YIMS, being the chief guest and the students from the department of Commerce(B.Com Fianace) with their melodies music treat. The event aimed at spreading the spirit of Christmas and bring joy to the visually impaired students. The programme likely included festive performances, gift distribution, and interactive activities.



Feliz Navidad 2k24

The PG Department of English Language and Literature, in association with IQAC, celebrated Christmas at GWLP School, Ezhakkad, as part of an extension programme. The event took place on 19, December 2024 at 2.30 PM.. The programme commenced with a warm welcome by Geetha N Gopal, Head Mistress of GWLP School. Rev. Dr. Joseph Olikkalkoonal, Vice Principal, YIMS graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Ms. Pameela Johnson delivered the felicitation address, adding to the festive spirit. The celebration included cake distribution among the students, spreading joy and festive cheer. The event concluded with a sense of camaraderie and festive joy, leaving a lasting impression on the students and staff of GWLP School. This extension programme was a testament of the commitment of the PG Department of English Language and Literature's to community outreach and social responsibility. The event helped to foster a sense of connection and shared values between the department and GWLP School.



Christmas Celebrations at Krishnajiyothe and Mathrujiyothe, Moothanthara, Palakkad

The B.Com Taxation wing of YIMS organized a heartwarming Christmas celebration with the inmates of Krishnajiyothe and Mathrujiyothe on 21st December 2024. The event aimed at spreading the joy and spirit of Christmas through sharing, cultural activities, and fellowship.

The programme commenced with the distribution of a special breakfast to the inmates, fostering a sense of togetherness and care. This was followed by a cultural performance by the students of II B.Com Taxation and the inmates, which brought joy and excitement to everyone present. Dr. Ramya J, Section Head of B.Com Taxation, delivered a warm welcome speech. The celebration was officially inaugurated by Rev. Dr. Joseph Olikalkoonal, Vice Principal, YIMS.

The programme witnessed felicitations by Rev. Dr. Lino Emmatty, Assistant Director of YIMS, and Mr. Gangadharan, President of Krishnajiyothe, who appreciated the efforts of the students and faculty in organizing the event and highlighted the importance of community bonding during the festive season.

A memorable cake-cutting ceremony marked the highlight of the celebration, symbolizing unity and joy. The event concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Selvaraj, expressing gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the event.

The Christmas celebration was a profound experience for all participants, leaving lasting memories and spreading the true spirit of love, sharing, and compassion. It was a perfect blend of festivity and social commitment, making the season of Christmas truly special for the inmates and the organizing team.



Christmas Celebration at SVMALP School, Nambullipura, Mundur.

The Merchando Club of the B.Com CA section, in collaboration with IQAC YIMS, organized a delightful Christmas celebration as an extension activity at SVMALP School, Nambullipura, Mundur, on 19th December 2024. The event, featuring interactive activities and cake distribution, spread joy and holiday spirit among the school children and community. The programme was coordinated by Ms. SnehaBabu and Ms. K. Sangeetha, Assistant Professors of B.Com CA, with active participation from Ist and III B.Com CA students. Special acknowledgment is extended to Ms. Rajitha Rajendran R, Section Head of B.Com CA, for her invaluable guidance and support, which played a pivotal role in the success of this meaningful initiative.



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