



BISHOP GREG'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 19 DECEMBER 2019

As this year draws to an end, many of us are wondering what is happening to our world. There is so much turmoil in the world and in Australia we have been struck by drought and fires. In our own diocese forests and farms have been burning for several months and there is no end in sight. Many people have watched as their homes were reduced to ashes.

It is time for us to pause and celebrate Christmas 2019.

It was into a similarly turbulent world that the Christ child was born. The most momentous event in world history was only recognised by Mary, Joseph, a few shepherds and the angels. The hope of the world was born while the rest of the world slept, waking to their problems and worries. Jesus is coming into the world this Christmas for us and sadly most people will not recognise Him. He is our hope and our joy.

We are blessed because we acknowledge Him and love Him. In these difficult times take Jesus into your hearts, cradle Him with love and He will restore your hope and your joy.

May you experience the touch of the Christ child, may He bless and protect you this Christmas and may He be with you in 2020.

With my prayers and Christmas wishes,

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