

Christmas Mass 2021

One of the greatest mysteries of the Roman Catholic faith is our understanding of the humility of God.

Behold the Father is his daughters son,
The bird that built the nest is hatched therein,
The old of years an hour hath not outrun
Eternal life to live doth now begin,
The word is dumb, the mirth of heaven doth weep,
Might feeble is, and force doth faintly creep.

Robert Southwell

Christmas 2021, This year we have the burden of Covid closing down much of what has accumulated around this season of celebration.

The gatherings. The parties. The Festive meals. Pantomime. (Oh no it isn't). Travelling the country.

All of this cancelled, or put off until better days.

Even the numbers here in Church are restricted by fear of infection.

And yet, and yet.

For those of faith Christmas is greater, and indeed simpler than the pagan worlds celebration of Mid winter.

You have not visited certain members of your family.

However you love them, and they love you

There art thou happy

You may not have the annual feast of excess with the crowd

But there is food on the table

There art thou happy

That collection of socks and aftershave has not arrived
But you can use last years aftershave
There art thou happy

You did not go drinking with your brothers, and sons
You do not have a hangover
There art thou happy

You have avoided gatherings with people you don't like
Excuses provided by circumstance
There art thou happy

You have been obliged to prioritise
To recognise that which is of value
There art thou happy

You can acknowledge those who have died
Strengthen and called by the love they gave
There art thou happy

You have the health to be frustrated
Aspiration to enjoy more
There art thou happy

The Rovers have a chance of Promotion
A chance to play Burnley next year
There art thou happy

You can talk to your wife
You can listen to your husband

There art thou happy
You can turn on the TV
The CD player
Go to net flicks
Have a zoom family conference
Go on face book
Twitter
Use the land line
Share on WhatsApp
Sky's super spectacular splendiferous Sunday
Surf the internet
Order a hamster on Amazon
Or even read a book
There art thou happy

You can slowly slow down
Taking time to look and see
There art thou happy

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How much is at your finger tips
How much do you need
Enough is as good as a feast
Have the sacred humility
To enjoy the feast you have

