



## **Some Reflections on Christmas 2007**

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“Mary gave birth to a Son... and laid Him in the manger because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2, 7)

1. Spouse, children and aged parents need to be given ‘room’. ‘Room’ is ‘time’, attention, love... We are too busy with work, overtime, TV, computer, handphone etc. Let us instead give and make room for regular communication among family members. As we celebrate Jesus’ birthday, let us open our doors to Him who always comes in unexpected ways and greet Him with joy and cheer.
2. Jesus’ birth was at a very humble and inexpensive place. No price tag, no sign of prestige or power whatsoever. At Bethlehem, there was humility, simplicity and poverty. There laid God’s Gift to us, Jesus. Jesus who make Himself Gift to us and to all. How much are we far from... this season gifts consumption! Jesus invites us not to shower presents but to make ourselves Gifts to one another.
3. The little family in the ‘Cave’ in Bethlehem was certainly very far from any worldly greatness. Can there be a greater lesson of humility? Is the infant Jesus lying in the manger, not telling us where He can be found today? It is indeed in the heart of the poor and the humble, that Jesus can still be loved and found.