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I mustn't forget to thank everyone, on behalf of Fr Peter and all our MSC community, for the many cards, gifts and greetings from so many people. It is all much appreciated and we feel somewhat overwhelmed. And, as the New Year gets under way, I wish everyone, again on behalf of Fr Peter and our MSC community, a Happy New Year. I would like to flesh out a little what I mean by "happy". Our year will be happier if we take the time, if or when needed, to look in the mirror and smile at ourselves, so that we don't take ourselves too seriously, or alternately, to do the same and say "Wow!", because we are so special in the eyes of God, despite what we or anyone else might say or think. A simple life is also a happier life, a freer life, a less entangled life, a life open to love and be loved.

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