

## Advent and Christmas Greetings



Advent is a four-week season in the Church's liturgical year and is known as the Season of Waiting. It is often overlooked due to the busyness of the end of the year. It centres on the Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace of God's promises; Jesus' final coming, and the remembrance of his arrival into our world over 2,000 years ago. Advent is about the future, and we wait with joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Throughout 2023, Mukuru Promotion Centre shared numerous stories of hope, dismay, challenges, and joy as we worked to serve the people of Mukuru slums through various disciplines, such as education, welfare, health, and social rehabilitation. We aimed to empower the community and provide them with the necessary support. Although some of the stories were beyond our control, we remained committed to reaching out to the marginalized, reassured by your prayers and help. In difficult times, solidarity with the poor was central to MPC's mission. We are grateful for your compassionate generosity, whether through your time, donations, prayers, or attentiveness to the stories in the monthly MPC newsletter. Witnessing the people's readiness to accept what is happening in their lives and their courage and trust in God's providence is always humbling. Through their actions, we see new births of love each day with the children, students, adults, seniors, and staff.

As we approach the new year, we understand that we may only be able to solve some of the challenges that Mukuru people face. However, thanks to your unwavering dedication to MPC, we can provide some hope, love, joy, and peace in our own unique ways to those who come to us out of desperate need.

*May our hearts **prepare** Him room,  
our lives **reflect** His presence, and  
our homes **radiate** His Love, Joy and Peace.*

*A very blessed **Christmas** to you and  
your family this season.*

Sr Mary Killeen  
Director



*Andrew Otieno's Kenyan Christmas*