

Hope in the Lord's Coming

The 1st Sunday of Advent Year A is a time of waiting and hope. We look forward to Jesus coming again, and we remember His birth in Bethlehem. Advent reminds us to be ready, not just for Christmas, but for the day when Christ will return.

It is a season to pray, watch, and live in the light of the Lord.

The readings on Sunday, speak about peace, joy, and staying awake. Isaiah gives a picture of all nations coming to God's mountain to learn His ways. The psalm is a prayer for peace in Jerusalem. Paul tells us to wake up and live as people of the light. Jesus warns us to be ready because His coming will be sudden.

The 1st Sunday of Advent begins a season of hope, reflection, and preparation. As we enter Advent, we are called to open our hearts and prepare our lives for the coming of Christ. The readings for this Sunday remind us to be peacemakers, live in the light, and renew our faith. Through these reflections, we can explore ways to deepen our relationship with God and strengthen our commitment to living as Christ taught.

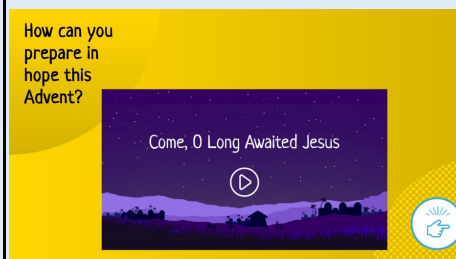
Theme of this weekend's Gospel:

Advent is an exciting time of getting ready for Jesus' birthday at Christmas. We also prepare and wait with expectant hope for when Jesus will come again!



Going forth for this weekend's Gospel:

How can you prepare in hope this Advent?



This month's Virtue to Live By

Our Virtue to Live by:

Patience

I am able to wait because some things take time. I trust in God and wait calmly and with self-control.

"Be patient and wait for the Lord to act, don't be worried about those who prosper or those who succeed in their evil plans. Don't give in to worry or anger; it only leads to trouble." Psalm 37:8

Prayer intentions: As we enter the season of Advent, Lord, help us to be watchful and prayerful, to grow in love and to trust in Your promises. Guide us through this Advent season as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Amen

Collective Worship Newsletter: Please find the newsletter for December by clicking on this link:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Picture News

Question: What are some of the different ways we can express ourselves?

Story: McDonald's changed the colours of its famous Happy Meal box in the UK, making it white on three sides, for children to colour and design it themselves.



Catholic Social Teaching

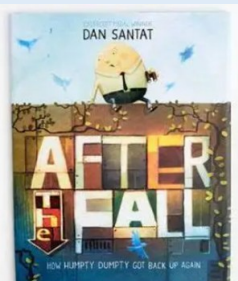
Story: 10-Year-Old Indian-British Chess Prodigy Makes History At UK Open Blitz Championships



Catholic Social Teaching Principles: Participation



Book Recommendations



Prayer of the Month

Our prayer for December is **The Magnificat**.

We will also be praying using our advent prayer:
God our Father,

As we look forward to Christmas the excitement is growing. Just as the light from the Advent Wreath grows brighter, we pray that the light of Jesus will grow brighter in our lives too.

Information / Messages

Festival of Cribs: Thank you to those who created cribs for the festival. They all looked wonderful.

Payment at the Christmas Fair: Once again there will be no floats available to the Christmas Fair, so although you can pay by cash we cannot guarantee change will be available. Therefore, we will be enabling people to buy tokens these can be paid for on ParentPay until 11am on **Friday 12th December**. At the entrance to Fair, pre-paid tokens will be available to collect and cash can be exchanged for tokens.

Grow £5: We still have a few spots left for Grow a £5 for the Christmas fair. These can be booked on ParentPay, but the closing date is **Thursday 4th December**.

Advent Bags: Advent bags are being sent home from today. Please return the bag the next day so all children can take a bag home.

Christmas Dinner: If you wish for your child to have a Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 17th December**, you need to order it in advance (on your usual school grid account) by **Wednesday 10th December**. After that date we cannot guarantee your child will be served a Christmas dinner.

Raffle Tickets: Each child should have brought home a book of raffle tickets on Friday. This is to help raise money for the PTA alongside the Christmas fair. All money and stubs should be returned to the school office before the draw on **Friday 19th December**. Extra booklets can be picked up from the office if you require them. If you are unable to sell/buy tickets, please return them to school to be redistributed. The draw will take place at the end of candlelit carols on this day. Tickets will also be available at all of our upcoming parent events.

Shoebbox Appeal: Mini Vinnies are collecting for the shoe box appeal. This year they will be making boxes for adults in our community. If you are able to donate items to go in the boxes, it would be much appreciated. Ideal items would include: toiletries, gloves, socks, non-perishable sweets/chocolates. Please could these items be in school no later than **Wednesday 10th December**.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st December

9am - Blessing of the advent wreath service

Tuesday 2nd December

3:30pm—Y3/4 Dodgeball competition Ecclesfield

Wednesday 3rd December

9:30am—Panto in school for YR, Y1 and Y2.

Thursday 4th December

3:15pm—Young Voices rehearsal

4-6pm—Y4 basketball heats 2

Friday 5th December

Non-uniform day—chocolate donations

10:25am—advent confessions in school

1:15-3:30pm—SEND drop ins

Monday 8th December

YR and Y1 balance bike day

Y2 visit to the Methodist church

Wednesday 10th December

9am—Y3 class assembly

Deadline for ordering Christmas dinner

Thursday 11th December

9:30am—Y5/6 Sports hall athletics final

2:20pm—YR St. Nicholas workshop

Friday 12th December

Non uniform day—bottles donation.

3:15—5pm—Christmas Fair

Santa Dash

Good Work — Computing

Halle B, Matilda M, Winnie M, Rome W, Luke T, Callum B

Stars of the week

Jude E, Rudy W, Bethany S, Arabella C, Violet G, Phoebe P

Hot Chocolate

Freddie J, Eliza S, Joseph E

School Council Star

Violet G

Mini Vinnie Award

Halle B

Acts of Kindness

Olivia BI, Freddie J, Darcey S

Reading Awards

Lexia— Teddy W, Benji CS, Harvey C

Words—10,000 – Eliza S ;

100,000 – Rebecca S, Ruby T; **250,000** – Lucas T

Reading for Pleasure—Malik and Rocky

Maths Awards

Numbots— Elsie T, Billie B, Teddy CM, Alexander I, Emilia P, Reggie U, Halle B, Emilia A, Bernie B, Olivia B, Isla R, Olivia B

TT Rockstars—Improved speed: Caspian G, Teddy T, Erin M, Rebecca S, Olivia T, Eimear K, Alethea H, Annabelle A, Penelope CS, Edward B, Annie BB, Rocky G

Wannabe—Bethany S; **Headliner**—Mila A, Freddie J **Rock Star**—George H;

Rock Legend—Leon P, Luke T, Edward B; **Rock Hero**— Leo H-D

Vocab Ninja

Christopher R, Halle B, Camille W, Joseph B