

# ADVENT at St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Living and Learning through Faith

Here is an overview of how the children will be getting ready for Christmas and how families can support.



During the season of Advent, **classroom altars** will be decorated with purple cloth for the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas. Advent means '**coming**' in Latin. This is the preparation for the coming of Jesus into the world. The altars are a focal

### CAFOD ADVENT CALENDAR

[HTTPS://CAFOD.ORG.UK/EDUCATION/PRIMARY-TEACHING-RESOURCES/ADVENT-CALENDAR-FOR-CHILDREN](https://cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/advent-calendar-for-children)



### Advent prayer boxes

The worship council have been busy making prayer boxes for each classroom.



On the 4th December, years 4, 5 and 6 will be gathered together for **Advent Reconciliation**. The children and staff will have the opportunity to reconcile and reflect together.

## Christmas Productions



Our Reception class will be performing "The Nativity" this year.



Our KS1 Nativity is "Hey Ewe"



Christmas Ensemble is on Friday 19th December at 9am in St Mary's Church.

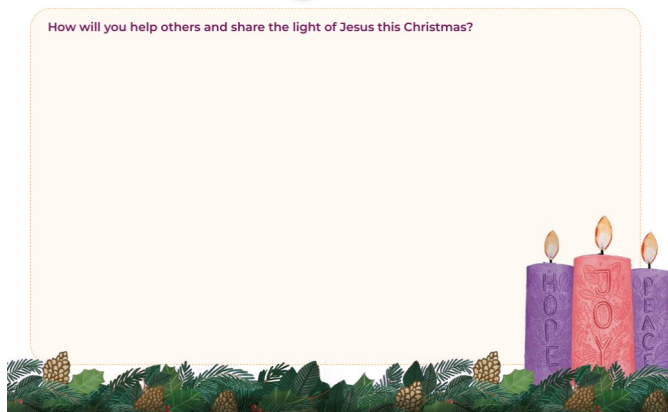
## Advent Pledge

We would like to encourage all children to complete an advent pledge sheet to share how you will show love this Christmas.

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## Pledge Sheet

How will you help others and share the light of Jesus this Christmas?



## KS1 and Year 3 Advent Service

This will be held in the school hall at 9am on 1st December.



## Posada

Travelling around our school are the figures of Mary and Joseph. Each class will host the Holy Family during Advent and there will be a focus of prayers and thoughts for families, those who travel, refugees and Hope.



## Christmas Lunch

10th December





# Five prayer cards for the season of Advent



## Christmas Day

### Christ / Христос

We sing a new song of praise as we rejoice at the birth of Christ our Saviour.

**Welcome, Lord, light of the world.**

Help us to shine a light on all that is unjust and bring about a brighter future.

**Welcome, Lord, light of the world.**

Lead us in your ways as together we make a change and share the warmth of your love with all.

**Welcome, Lord, light of the world.**

Headings given in Ukrainian as well as English.

## Fourth Sunday Advent

### Peace / Мир

We listen to your word as it whispers in our hearts: "Do not be afraid."

**Come, Lord, prince of peace.**

Be with all who suffer because of conflict and violence and strengthen those who seek peace.

**Come, Lord, prince of peace.**

Lead us in your ways, as together we make a change and share your peace with all.

**Come, Lord, prince of peace.**

Headings given in Ukrainian as well as English.

## Third Sunday Advent

### Joy / Радість

In times of despair, we seek comfort in your presence.

We wait in hope for you.

**Come, Lord, source of joy.**

Move us to be good news in our world and to stand alongside our sisters and brothers in need.

**Come, Lord, source of joy.**

Lead us in your ways as together we make a change so all people may rejoice and be glad.

**Come, Lord, source of joy.**

Headings given in Ukrainian as well as English.

## Second Sunday Advent

### Love / Любов

We repent and are sorry for the damage we have caused to our earth and one another.

**Come, Lord, bearer of love.**

Guide us as we seek to straighten the paths of injustice and prepare a way for you.

**Come, Lord, bearer of love.**

Lead us in your ways, as together we make a change and reach out in love to others.

**Come, Lord, bearer of love.**

Headings given in Ukrainian as well as English.

## First Sunday Advent

### Hope / Надія

We stay awake, watch and wait, for we do not know the hour or the day of your arrival.

**Come, Lord, bringer of hope.**

Create in us a desire for a world transformed to reflect your glory.

**Come, Lord, bringer of hope.**

Lead us in your ways, as together we make a change, to dispel the darkness of poverty.




























**Come, Lord, bringer of hope.**

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### Upcoming Dates

KS1 Advent Service	1st December 9am
Reception Nativity	10th December 9am
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KS2 Celebration	17th December at 2pm
	18th December at 9am
Christmas Ensemble	19th December at 9am

### Mission Together Advent Calendar 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Today's reading from the Prophet Isaiah speaks of a time when people will hammer swords and spears into what? + Isaiah 2:1-5  <span style="float: right;">30</span>	An Advent wreath's circular shape and evergreen leaves are signs of God's unending love. What might the candles be a sign of?  <span style="float: right;">1</span>	Advent is a waiting time. Waiting for good things isn't easy, but prayer helps. Today, ask God to help you wait patiently for Christmas Day.  <span style="float: right;">2</span>	Listen to our Advent carol <i>We are Waiting</i> . Try learning the carol, as a way to help you get ready for Jesus!  <span style="float: right;">3</span>	<b>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT:</b> During Advent in the Philippines, homes are decorated with paper lanterns called Paroles. They are to light the way for Jesus.*  <span style="float: right;">4</span>	Make a Mission Together <i>Star of Hope</i> today, and think about how you can bring hope to others in Advent.*  <span style="float: right;">5</span>	Write an Advent prayer or poem. Try to include the words: <i>Advent, hope, wait, light, God, Jesus, love</i> .  <span style="float: right;">6</span>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Today's reading from the Prophet Isaiah speaks of God's kingdom. How does the prophet describe God's peaceful kingdom? + Isaiah 11:1-10  <span style="float: right;">7</span>	In this 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Advent we think about peace. Today spend a moment remembering children who live in war zones. Ask God to keep them in His care.  <span style="float: right;">8</span>	One way we prepare for Jesus is by being peacemakers. Make a Mission Together <i>Peace Paper-chain</i> . On each link write ways you can build peace.*  <span style="float: right;">9</span>	Listen carefully to the carol <i>Silent Night</i> . This peaceful carol once stopped soldiers fighting. Try singing along, too.*  <span style="float: right;">10</span>	Make peace today. Say sorry to someone you may have upset this week; or forgive someone who has upset you.  <span style="float: right;">11</span>	<b>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT:</b> Tomorrow is the feast of St Lucy. In Denmark, children join candle-lit processions to honour St Lucy, and as a sign of the light that Jesus brings.*  <span style="float: right;">12</span>	Today, find somewhere peaceful to sit and thank God for the people who love and care for you.  <span style="float: right;">13</span>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Today's reading from Isaiah speaks of the joy that God's love brings. How can you share that joy today? + Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10  <span style="float: right;">14</span>	Yesterday was <i>Gaudete</i> Sunday. <i>Gaudete</i> means rejoice! The pink candle lit on the Advent wreath is also a sign of joy. Why is there a growing sense of joy?  <span style="float: right;">15</span>	<b>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT:</b> Mauke is an island in Oceania. As Christmas nears, Christians there share the joy of Jesus' birth by giving food hampers to strangers.*  <span style="float: right;">16</span>	Today, make a Mission Together <i>Joyful Paper Angel</i> and think about how you can share the joy of Jesus' birth with others.*  <span style="float: right;">17</span>	Joy is easy to pass on! Look out for people who are lonely today and invite them to play.  <span style="float: right;">18</span>	Singing helps us to feel joyful – especially when we sing with others. Try singing the carol <i>Joy to the World</i> today.*  <span style="float: right;">19</span>	Today, say a prayer for children who are sad or lonely. Ask God to help you share His joy with them.  <span style="float: right;">20</span>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> In today's reading from the Gospel of St Matthew, what does God's angel say to Joseph? + Matthew 1:18-24  <span style="float: right;">21</span>	Christmas is a time for welcoming visitors – Jesus himself is coming! Today, ask your parents if you can help them get things ready for Christmas Day.  <span style="float: right;">22</span>	Around the world, billions of people are preparing for the birth of Jesus. Today, say the <i>Our Father</i> for those in our global family who need God's help today.  <span style="float: right;">23</span>	<b>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT:</b> In DR Congo (Africa), people of all ages will take part in big nativity plays this evening. Can you share the Christmas story with someone today, too?*  <span style="float: right;">24</span>	<b>Rejoice! Jesus is born!</b> Remember to thank God, and your family, for all the gifts their love brings.  <span style="float: right;">25</span>	<div>  <p><small>Cross symbol + refers to scriptures found in our Advent Celebrations of the Word. Asterisks * refer to assemblies, craft activities, and sing-along carols. Download all for free at <a href="http://MissionTogether.org.uk">MissionTogether.org.uk</a></small></p> <p><small>Mission Together is the children's branch of Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission. Registered Charity No. 1056651</small></p> </div>	