

Dear Parents and Carers,

The season of Advent begins this Sunday.

Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus.

Advent is also the season of hope: a time to think deeply about Jesus' return at the end of time, which we read about in this Sunday's Gospel.

Wednesday 26th November 2025

So let's use this season of Advent to be open to welcome the Lord, to make a fresh start and to draw closer to God. The message is clear for all of us: we are to stand ready!

Enjoy exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **ADVENT**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



**A Word from
the Saints**

"Advent is like a springtime, when everything is renewed and so is fresh and healthy." St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 30th November 2025



Jesus said to his disciples, "As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking and having a good time, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood. So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this: that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because you do not know when the Son of Man is coming."

*Adapted from Luke Matthew 24: 37-44
The 1st Sunday of Advent, Year A*

Come and learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church and say a prayer for your family & friends: all are very warmly invited.

2025 Preparing for Christmas: Family Time Overleaf

**Having Hope
in our Families**

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. Traditional Advent wreaths have a candle to light on each Sunday of Advent which reminds us of the light that Christ brings into our world.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Jesus said to his disciples: "Stay alert! Nobody knows when I will come back so you must always be ready. You can be sure that if the owners of a house knew at what time of night a thief was coming, they would stay awake and wouldn't let the thief break in. So, you must always be ready, because you do not know when I shall return."

What did Jesus say we must always be?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.



Sunday Gospel Gallery

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in each one of us memories of goodness." Pope Benedict XVI

ADVENT



Advent helps us get ready for Christmas and reminds us that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, into our world. Ask your child what else they know about Advent. What do they like best about this season which leads up to Christmas? Advent is an opportunity to be spiritually refreshed and helps us get ready for Christmas. You may want to share with your child what you know and like best about the season of Advent.



Advent is a time to make an extra effort to be more loving towards God and our neighbours. As a family, how can you prepare well through Advent - to 'stay awake', to be ready to welcome Jesus? Perhaps you can: always try to be fair, honest, generous and ready to go out of our way to help anyone who is in need; be a peacemaker; put up a crib, Advent wreath and Advent calendar; make a special effort to let other family members know how much you love them - through your words and actions.

3 Dear Lord Jesus, help us to 'stay awake' and to be aware of your presence in the people that we meet in this Advent season. Amen.

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

☒ **THIS SUNDAY** ☒
☐ **ADVENT BEGINS** ☐
☐ **ALWAYS READY** ☐
☐ **JESUS RETURN** ☐

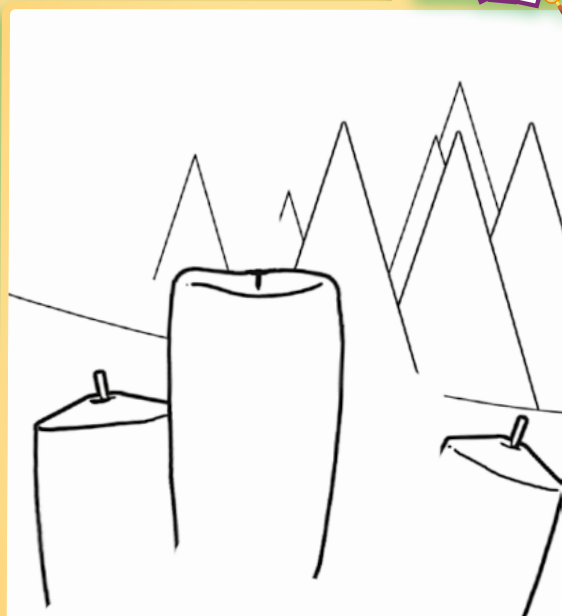
SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

Cross out the letters **ifl** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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"_____ alert! Nobody _____ when I will
come _____ so you must always be _____."

Advent is a time to do more good deeds.
Even small good deeds bring more of Christ's light into our world and make us ready to welcome Jesus at any time.



Find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture

This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley