



Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is the start of the season of Advent, a word which means 'important arrival'. 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.

The Gospel reminds us that there is no time to lose. We shouldn't put off our good resolutions until New Year. Now, Advent, is the time to think about the way we live our lives and begin to make any necessary changes.

Wednesday 24th November 2021

The message is clear for all of us: we are to 'stay awake!' Pope Francis reminds us, "Christ asks us to be wide awake and alert, to see the things in life that really matter."

Enrich this special season through exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **ADVENT**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word: wednesdayword.org - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.

**THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 28th November 2021**



Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars and on the earth, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man approaching in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand upright, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Watch yourselves; be careful not to let your hearts be weighed down with the cares of life. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."

*Adapted from Luke 21:25-28.34-36
The 1st Sunday of Advent, Year C*

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in Church - all are warmly invited.

"Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Prince of Peace. It's a time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbours."

Pope Francis



Advent reminds us that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, into our world.

Let's use this season of Advent to be open to welcome Jesus, to make a fresh start and to draw closer to God, through living a good life!



1 Our Special Time Together

Enjoy reading the Gospel overleaf (or below for younger children)

Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars. Then people will see the Son of Man returning in the clouds with power and great glory. You must always be ready, because only my Heavenly Father knows when this will happen."

What did Jesus say we must always be? Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? Look at the Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is ...

ADVENT



3 Loving God & Each Other

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. The Birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely by God." *Pope Francis*

Advent is the time when we make an extra effort to be more loving towards God and our neighbours. Ask your child what they think the word 'Advent' means (parent help: for the answer, please see the 'Parent Letter' on the front page). What do they know about Advent? What do they like best about this season which leads up to Christmas? You may want to share with your child what you like best about the season of Advent.

Advent is an opportunity to be spiritually refreshed and helps us get ready for Christmas.

Choose something to do, individually or as a family, to stay spiritually 'awake' and make this Advent prayerful and special. Perhaps you can: say a prayer together as you put up the crib or the Advent wreath; pray especially for someone (or better still for a few people) each evening throughout Advent; go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession); go to Church on Sundays; regularly give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to get ready during **Advent** to welcome you with joy this Christmas, and when you come again in your glory. Amen.

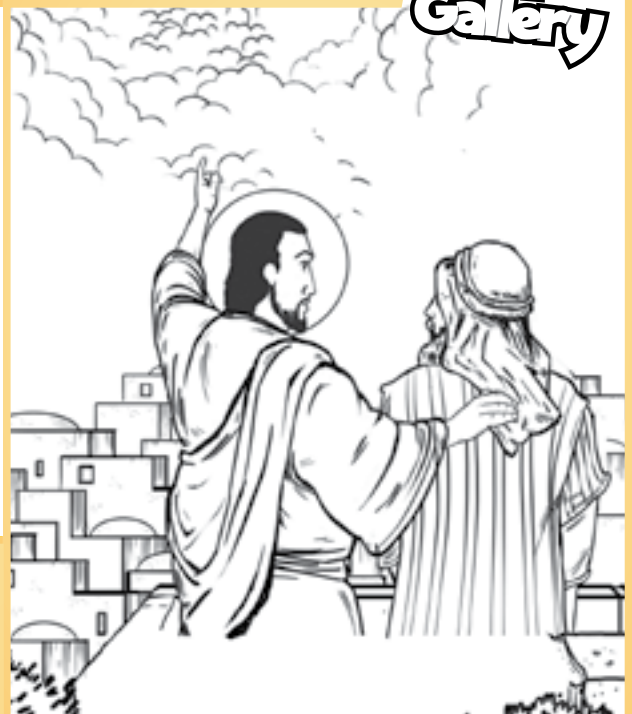
Gospel Gallery

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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



Search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

Cross out the letters **a o k** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Jesus said to his _____, "There _____ be _____ in the _____ and moon and stars.

Each Advent we think about Mary and Joseph's difficult journey to Bethlehem.

This Advent, let us pray especially for all those people who have been forced to make dangerous journeys, similar to that of Mary and Joseph, to find safety.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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