



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL CALENDAR – 2018



Light your Advent candle each day as you read the Bible and pray:

Saturday 1st December	Advent I Sunday 2nd December	Monday 3rd December	Tuesday 4th December	Wednesday 5th December	Thursday 6th December St. Nicholas	Friday 7th December St. Ambrose
Read St. Luke 21: 34-36 Think about the next 24 days. Get ready : tidy a room as if to receive a guest, pray 'Come Lord Jesus!'	Read St. Luke 21 : 25-36 Go to Church. We realise that life is complicated : joy & sorrow, pleasure & pain. Pray for trust in God's purposes and for alertness to his love and presence.	Read St. Matthew 8: 5-11 Pray for the gifts of insight and compassion. Hold before God all in desperate need today. Listen to world news with special attention.	Read St. Luke 10 : 21-24 As you read today's passage remember God reveals himself to us in the simplicity of who we are not what we would like to be.	Read St. Matthew 25 : 29-37 As you receive & hear appeals for charity act on your generous instincts. Pray for a charity working with the homeless. Give them a gift.	Read St. Matthew 7 : 21, 24-27 Pray for courage to go deeper in faith and understanding. Remember our duty to help a rising generation come to faith.	Read St. Matthew 9 : 27-31 Reflect on the times when you have received a blessing or a gift. Think about what use you have made of it.
Saturday 8th December Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Advent II Sunday 9th December	Monday 10th December	Tuesday 11th December	Wednesday 12th December	Thursday 13th December St. Lucy	Friday 14th December St. John of the Cross
Read St. Luke 1 : 26-38 As you write Christmas cards and messages think about how Mary received good news from God. Give thanks for all who've brought good news into our lives.	Read St. Luke 3 : 1-6 Go to Church. Pray for all who wake us to what's true and warn us about what's really going on. Pray for an instinct for truth.	Read St. Luke 5 17-26 Pray for all who are physically disabled and all who care for them. Ask to be shown how to help others in need.	Read St. Matthew 18 : 12-14 Pray for those who have got lost in the world through poverty, addiction, debt. Ask to share in Christ's work of gathering all people into his family.	Read St. Matthew 11 : 28 - end Bring all your tiredness and weariness to Christ and ask him to hold you and all you carry today.	Read St. Matthew 11 : 11-15 As Christmas cards arrive pray for their senders. Give thanks for the affection they bring. Resolve to spread some happiness.	Read St. Matthew 11 :16-19 Pray for real wisdom and discernment in the way you lead life today. Spend 10 minutes in silence.
Saturday 15th December	Advent III Sunday 16th December	Monday 17th December 'O Sapientia'	Tuesday 18th December 'O Adonai'	Wednesday 19th December 'O Radix Jesse'	Thursday 20th December 'O Clavis David'	Friday 21st December 'O Oriens'
Read St. Matthew 17 : 10-13 Pray for all who make a stand for what they believe and suffer as a result. Remember all persecuted for their faith. Pray for courage to be true to Christ.	Read St. Luke 3 : 7-18 Go to Church. As Christmas preparations intensify pray to be taught the generosity, joy, humility and justice of Jesus and the grace to practise these qualities.	Read St. Matthew 1 : 1-17 As you read the very mixed heredity of Jesus think about your family, its story and background. Jesus shares our nature and the limitations we all face.	Read St. Matthew 1 : 18-25 Reflect on the role of Joseph. Pray for the hard choices and decisions we have to make sometimes. Pray for everyone whose loyalties are divided.	Read St. Luke 1: 5-25 Remember God's power to call us even in the middle of our routines, or when we've given up hoping for much. Ask God for direction and the gift to follow it.	Read St. Luke 1: 26-38 As Mary listens to the Angel's message and says 'yes' to God, pray that this Christmas the Church will say the same 'yes'.	Read St. Luke 1: 39-45 Pray for all who are expecting children, for all they look forward to & hope for. Pray for new parents delighting in their new born children.
Saturday 22nd December 'O Rex Gentium'	Advent IV Sunday 23rd December 'O Immanuel'	Monday 24th December Christmas Eve	Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day	Wednesday 26th December St. Stephen	Thursday 27th December St. John	Friday 28th December Holy Innocents
Read St. Luke 1 : 46-56 Pray for the world's poor, the weakest and most marginalised. Remember God cherishes them. Seek to love God in them. Pray to be shown him in them.	Read St. Luke 1 : 39-45 Go to Church. Pray to become a messenger of hope, give thanks for all who encourage us & help us live life fully.	Read St. Luke 1 : 67-79 As we prepare for the joy of tomorrow, pray that God's healing light & love may be revealed in the darkest places.	Read St. John 1 : 1-18 Celebrate! Enjoy the feasting and joy of this day. Pray for a new understanding of God's love as it reaches us in the person of Jesus Christ.	Read St. Matthew 10 : 17-22 Pray for all who have witnessed to Jesus through suffering and death. Pray to have a share in their courage and their assurance of God's love and purpose.	Read St. John 21 : 19b-end God works through his faithful servants. Ask God to give you a definite task to do in his service.	Read St. Matthew 2 : 13-18 Pray for all who suffer as a result of genocide, ethnic cleansing and the evil intent of others. Pray for the world's children.