

Advent 2023: December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p>  <p>The first candle symbolises the kindly light that gives us ‘the resolve to run forth to meet Christ’ whose presence dispels darkness.</p>	<p>4 When we remove all obstacles to Christ’s presence he will come, at any hour or moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts.</p>	<p>5 I love you, Lord Jesus, my strength, my rock, my Saviour.</p>	<p>6 The feast of Saint Nicholas. Saint Nicholas was especially devoted to the poor. We ask Saint Nicholas to intercede for all who need his help. Amen.</p>	<p>7 The Lord is my light and my help.</p>	<p>8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Our Lady, overflowing with grace, all creation receives new life from your abundance.</p>	<p>9 We ask Mary to watch over all those who are sick this Christmas and to support those who care for them at home and in hospitals. Amen.</p>
<p>10</p>  <p>Second Sunday of Advent. We ask God for strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord.</p>	<p>11 Lord, we ask you to hold closely young people who are struggling with everyday life. Let them see how much they are valued and loved.</p>	<p>12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Feast of Saint Finian of Clonard.</p>	<p>13 O glorious Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr who gave her life for the Church, we venerate your sacrifice for our faith.</p>	<p>14 Today we pray for all those living with dementia. May they know in their hearts God’s comforting embrace and continue to realise, as names and memories fade, that they are loved by family, friends, and especially by you. Amen.</p>	<p>15 We pray for those who are struggling and we ask the Lord to keep them in his care. Amen.</p>	<p>16 Pray for all missionaries around the world, who are working to bring God’s love where it is needed.</p>
<p>17</p>  <p>Third Sunday of Advent. Gaudete Sunday. Rejoice! For the Lord is near!</p>	<p>18 Lord Jesus, look after the children of the world, protect them and hear their prayers.</p>	<p>19 As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be mindful that many people will be struggling to put food on their tables.</p>	<p>20 Today we pray for all who are housebound and for all those in care facilities. Amen.</p>	<p>21 We thank you, Lord, for all that we have: move us to give of our plenty to those who have little.</p>	<p>22 We give thanks and praise for mothers and fathers, young and old. We remember those who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>“Peace is possible. It takes goodwill.” Pope Francis, Nov 2023</p>
<p>24 Fourth Sunday of Advent. May the light of Christ enter our hearts.</p> 	<p>25</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">May Jesus light in our hearts, love, hope and peace. With Mary and Joseph we rejoice in the birth of Jesus. May we welcome Christ as they did. Amen.</p>				
				<p><i>Lord Jesus, give us courage to live the life you offer us, and let your light shine in our lives. Amen.</i></p>		