




















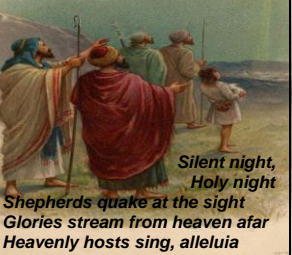











# DECEMBER 2024

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>St. Edmund Campion</b> Lord, fill me with your peace. Help me to share it with everyone.</p> 	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)</b> We light the first candle on the Advent wreath today, what colour do we light? We wait in hope for the birth of Jesus at this special time. <i>Luke 21:25-28,34-36</i></p> 	<p><b>2</b> Share how God has answered your prayers.</p> 	<p><b>3</b> <b>St Francis Xavier</b> Thank God for the gift of friendship. Every good friend is a gift of God, it's one of life's best blessings. A priceless gift that can never be bought, sold, or forgotten... just like YOU!</p>	<p><b>World Gifts</b> by CAFOD Water for a Family Help protect families from deadly water-borne diseases by sharing this unique gift with your own family. Having a supply of safe, clean water nearby means that women and children don't have to walk for hours each day to fetch water.</p> 	<p><b>5</b> Lord, where there is sadness, let me bring joy.</p>  	<p><b>6</b> <b>St. Nicholas</b> Thank you Lord, for Bishop Nicholas. In loving the poor, he showed us your kindness; in caring for your children, he revealed your love. Make us thoughtful without need of reward, so that we may be good followers of Jesus.</p> 
<p><b>7</b> <b>St. Ambrose</b> Patron of Bee Keepers, beggars, learners and Milan A lawyer before becoming a bishop, St Ambrose was one of the 4 original Doctors of the Church.</p> 	<p><b>8</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)</b> Two candles are now alight. God speaks to John the Baptist while he is in the desert. What does John then go out and do? <i>Luke 3:1-6</i> Feast of the Immaculate Conception</p> 	<p><b>9</b> <b>Light up our lives</b> Christ, come into our world of darkness, Light up our lives with your coming. Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth, Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings. Amen. <i>Sr Bridgetta Rooney/CAFOD</i></p>	<p><b>10</b> In the midst of excitement, remember why we celebrate Christmas Day. Pray for those less fortunate and think of something you could do to help.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Pray for all the hungry and thirsty. Can you help someone who is hungry get some food? Or someone who is thirsty get clean water? Consider a CAFOD World Gift.</p> 	<p><b>12</b> Time is a gift from God. Don't lose it or waste it. What will you do with yours today?</p> 	<p><b>13</b> <b>St Lucy</b> Patron of Blindness Pray for those who cannot see</p>  
<p><b>14</b> Spread some Christmas cheer. Hand out some cards to your neighbours and someone you know lives alone.</p> 	<p><b>15</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)</b> Are you always good at sharing? Can you remember a time when you didn't have something you needed or wanted and someone else shared with you? How did it feel? <i>Luke 3:10-18</i></p>	<p><b>16</b> Make some Christmas ornaments for the Christmas tree.</p> 	<p><b>17</b> Pray for those who live alone. Can you help them this Christmas?</p>  	<p><b>18</b> <b>Challenge 2024</b> <b>Family Nature Walks</b> –Share the gifts of nature you found this year. Say why they were special to you. <i>May the Blessings of Christmas be with you all.</i></p> 	<p><b>19</b> What was the name of the Archangel who appeared to the Shepherds?</p> 	<p><b>20</b> In this Season of Advent, help those who need it most - the homeless, the hungry, the sick and lonely.</p>
<p><b>21</b> Tell your family you love them, help prepare and enjoy the Christmas holiday.</p> 	<p><b>22</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)</b> While Mary is pregnant with Jesus, she goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also expecting a baby. As soon as Elizabeth sees Mary she is filled with joy. Why do you think this is? <i>Luke 1:39-45</i></p>	<p><b>23</b> Jesus is the Reason for The Season!! Retell the Christmas story.</p> 	<p><b>Silent night, Holy night</b> <i>Shepherds quake at the sight Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sing, alleluia</i></p> 	<p><b>Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.</b></p> 	<p><b>26</b> <b>St. Stephen</b> The Bible says; St Stephen was full of grace and power, he did great wonders and signs among the people. 'Count your Christmas Blessings.' <b>Don't forget to say... "Thank You"</b></p> 	<p><b>27</b> What can I give Him Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb If I were a wise man I would do my part Yet what I can, I give him— Give my heart. <i>Christina Rossetti</i></p>
<p><b>28</b> <b>The Holy Innocents</b> Pray for new babies all over the world.</p> 	<p><b>29</b> <b>The Holy Family (C)</b> Today we hear about how Mary and Joseph thought Jesus was lost and were very worried. They were so happy when they found him safe. Where did they find him? What did he say? <i>Luke 2:41-52</i></p> 	<p><b>30</b> Don't forget to write thankyou letters to everyone who took the time to buy you something special this Christmas.</p> 	<p><b>31</b> <b>St. Sylvester</b> Share a Christmas treat, give thanks and talk about the special times you've had this year. Keep a record and write them down.</p>  	<p>Keep your Christmas heart open all year round. <b>GIVE THE GIFT OF CHARITY</b> Happiness doesn't come from what we get; it comes from what we give.</p> 	<p>The most precious gift you can give someone is the gift of your TIME and ATTENTION. <a href="http://WWW.LIVELIFEHAPPY.COM">WWW.LIVELIFEHAPPY.COM</a></p>  <p>Water, Vegetables, Honey, Meals</p> 