

Readings for w.b . 1st December *1st Week of Advent*



Monday 1st December

Tuesday 2nd December

Wednesday 3rd December

Thursday 4th December

Friday 5th December

Liturgical Year

Wednesday 3rd December: St Francis Xavier, Priest

Thursday 4th December: St John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday 6th December: St Nicholas, Bishop

'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to little children.'

(Gospel from Tuesday 2nd December)

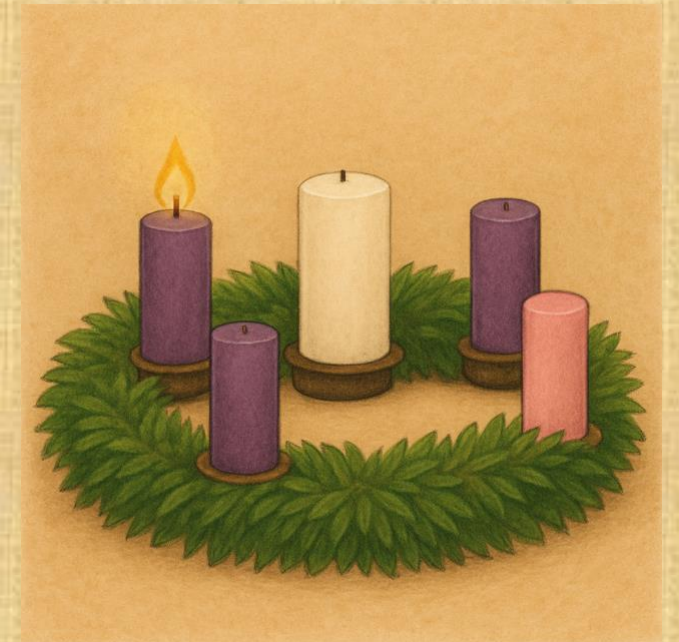


First Sunday of Advent

The first purple candle on the Advent wreath is called the Candle of Hope. We light it to remember the prophets – God’s messengers – who told everyone that a special Saviour was coming.

The colour purple reminds us that Advent is a time to get ready in our hearts and mind for Jesus. This candle helps us think about hope: trusting that God is with us, even when things are difficult.

As we watch its light, we remember that Jesus is the light of the world, and **we try to bring hope to others by being kind and loving.**



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict



Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Prayer and reflection

Let us reflect on how we can put our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity and Peace into practice and become peacemakers in our community.



Jubilee Prayer for schools

God, our loving Father,
In this Jubilee year,
you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together
to replant, repair, and renew.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope

Jesus, our light,
In this Jubilee year,
you remind us of our call to love our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.



Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
In this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to
grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see Jesus in
others,
and to be united as God's global family.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Amen



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