

Monday 16 December 2019.

As we are now in the last full week of Advent we pray that we may be able to bring strength and light in to our World. Listen carefully to this Prayer for Advent by Pope Benedict.

Come Jesus;
Come, give strength to the light and to the good;
Come where dishonesty, ignorance of God, violence and injustice dominate;
Come, Lord Jesus, give strength to the good in the world and help us to be bearers of your light, workers of peace, witnesses of truth.
Come Lord Jesus!

Our Father...

Tuesday 17 December 2019.

We are eight days away from Christmas Day. We know that Christmas is the 25 December but still many of us will be running around to get presents, send cards, help our parents buy food and get the house ready and so on. Since the First Sunday of Advent, the Church has been encouraging us to prepare to celebrate the Birth of Jesus and to be ready to benefit from the graces of this feast.

We will make sure we have the presents and the food. We will do this in the next few days but we should make sure that we use the next few days to either continue our spiritual preparations or maybe even start them. There is still time to increase your prayer life and still many opportunities to show our faith in practical charitable ways. Use these days wisely.

Hail Mary.....

Wednesday 18 December 2019.

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, with Jesus' birth imminent, the message at the inn was 'No Room'. Today, we think about the many people who have no stable home. We pray for the homeless in our land. We think about the many refugees forced out of their homes into camps. We pray that we will have the generosity of spirit, time and money to work to eradicate this scourge on our World.

Our Father . . .

Thursday 19 December 2019.

"Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not the expensive gifts that call for time and money. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us....Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives." (Pope Benedict XVI).

We pray for a safe and joyful Christmas spent with our loved ones. Let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas.

Our Father ...

Friday 20 December 2019.

The Gospel of Luke tells the story of the Birth of Jesus.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Hail Mary.....