



**"The Word became flesh and lived among us.  
We gazed on his glory, the kind of glory that belongs to the Father's unique Son, who is full of grace and truth."**



# WE PRAY WITH OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS

## PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2023



We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.





Week Commencing: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

The First Week of Advent Year B



Self Belief



Responsibility

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THEME FOR THE WEEK:

*'Humility.'*

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE



Responsibility

LINKED BHCET VIRTUE



Self Belief



ADVENT WEEK 1, YEAR B

Mark 13:33-37

*'If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.'*



WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS DAY 5TH DECEMBER  
9TH DAY OF COMMEMORATION AND DIGNITY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE, 10TH HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, 10TH ANIMAL RIGHTS DAY 7TH- 15TH  
JEWISH FESTIVAL OF HANUKKAH



FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

26th St Nicholas, 7th St Ambrose, SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PATRONAL FEAST DAY OLSB, (Para Liturgy on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)  
Blessing of Advent Wreaths and Christmas Tree (Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week or next if possible- Penitential Services)

We Gather to Pray...



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death.  
Amen

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, On earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
Amen



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# Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## Of Advent



Self Belief



Responsibility



### SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

Happy New Year! Yesterday was the first day of the new Church year. We are now in the season of Advent. Advent is a time to remember Jesus coming- not only as a baby, but that he will return at the end of time. No one except God knows when this will be, but we are called to be ready.

Advent is a time of anticipation, hope and expectation.

### WE REFLECT

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eC0FGQLBp7w>

### WE GO FORTH

Jesus, you are light even in the darkest places. Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely. Shine hope into our hearts we pray.

Amen.

### LIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Make an Advent promise- what will you do to keep Jesus at the front of your mind during this season?

<https://youtu.be/86WQmUcgmRM?si=Phfe3gAeklVR5xiq> – WAIT A MINUTE IT'S ADVENT- YOU MAY USE THIS INSTEAD OF THE LITURGY TODAY!



# Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Of Advent



Self Belief



Responsibility

## SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

Choose a piece of music to help people enter into this time of prayer

**(This instrumental piece of Advent music might be fitting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iO7ySn-Swwc&list=PL07L77WNRfmtNDUNSWqpsjFOdsLVK5Ky> )**

We spend a few moments in silence welcoming the Lord into this place.

We gather by making the Sign on the Cross.

## THE WORD

*The Prophet Isaiah's words, spoken long before the birth of Jesus, gave hope to those awaiting a Messiah. We listen to the words of Isaiah and allow them to speak directly to our hearts.*

From the Prophet Isaiah

He won't judge by appearances,  
won't decide on the basis of hearsay.

He'll judge the needy by what is right,  
render decisions on earth's poor with justice.  
His words will bring everyone to awed attention.  
A mere breath from his lips will topple the wicked.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## WE GO FORTH

Lord Jesus, as we await the celebration of Christmas,  
help us to prepare our hearts to receive you.

Amen.



## LIVING THE WORD OF GOD

**Model yourself on Jesus today.**





# Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## St Nicholas (Santa Claus!)



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### Sign of the Cross and Gather

*Choose a piece of music to help people enter into this time of prayer (This instrumental music might be fitting:*

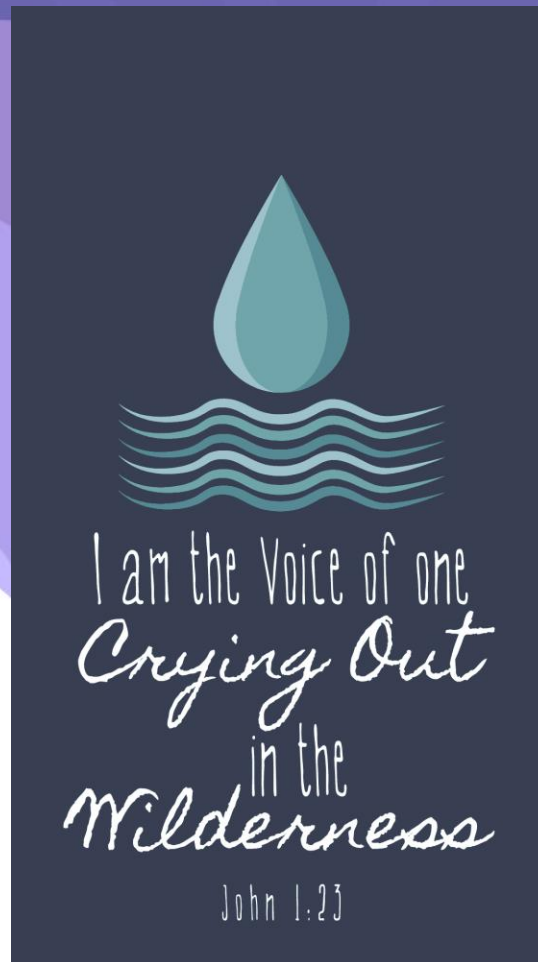
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cSq8zlwdu&list=PLaONuT5QUpidKOBovDhtfzfs8XUndW-8J&index=8>)

*We spend a few moments in silence welcoming the Lord into this place.*

**We gather by making the Sign on the Cross.**

### We GO FORTH

*Create an Advent Prayer to share as a class today*



### The WORD

St John the Baptist spent his time telling people to prepare their hearts and minds to meet with Jesus.

**From the Gospel of John**

**"I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"**

### LIVING THE WORD OF GOD

*Create a mission based on today's scripture*



[https://youtu.be/qlF9H\\_3Mrug?si=VlKtG-HeZ4dRcnpr](https://youtu.be/qlF9H_3Mrug?si=VlKtG-HeZ4dRcnpr) – WAIT A MINUTE IT'S ADVENT- YOU MAY USE THIS INSTEAD OF THE LITURGY TODAY!



# Thoughtful Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## St Ambrose



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### Sign of the Cross and Gather

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7GexlvX8HU> )

*We spend a few moments in silence welcoming the Lord into this place. We gather by making the Sign on the Cross.*

#### Advent Creative Prayer Idea

December - Advent Prayer Station: Materials needed: Small nativity scene, blank puzzle pieces, markers

#### Instructions:

Set up a small nativity scene on a table. Write or draw something they are waiting for or hoping for this Advent season on the puzzle pieces. Assemble the puzzle together as a symbol of waiting for Jesus' birth.

#### Prayer

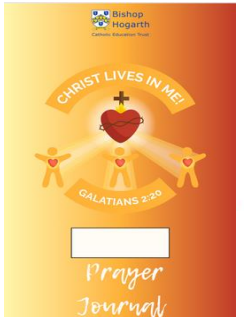
"Dear God, as we wait for the birth of Jesus, fill our hearts with hope, joy, and anticipation. Help us to remember the true meaning of Christmas. Amen."



**This week we are thankful for:**



**This week we are praying for:**



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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 –

### The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



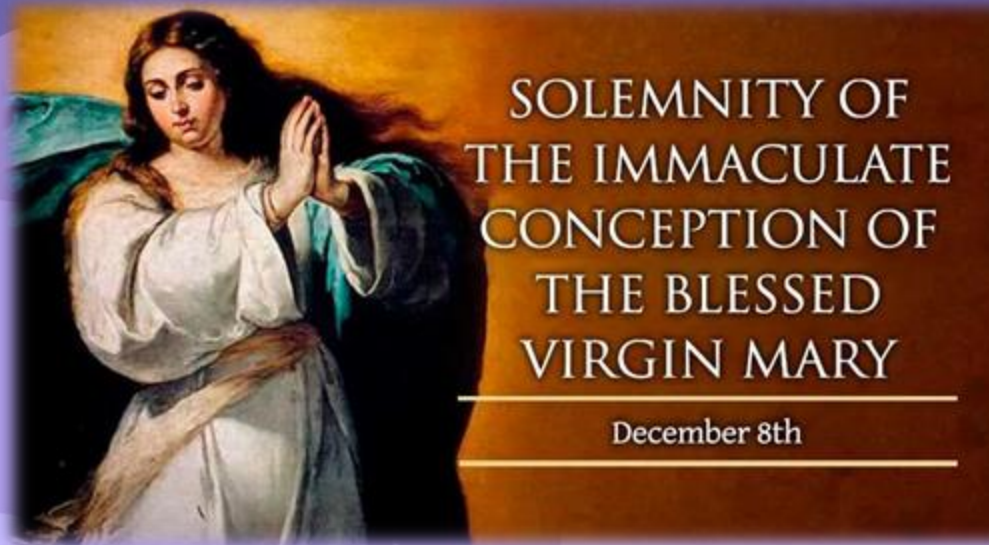
Self Belief



Responsibility

#### Sign of the Cross and Gather

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a common misconception that this feast day relates to Jesus, however in reality, it is in relation to Mary. When Mary was conceived, she was kept free from original sin which had passed through humanity since Adam and Eve turned their backs on God in the garden of Eden.



#### The WORD

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you'

Luke 1:26-28

#### LIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Create a mission based on today's scripture

#### We GO FORTH

Hail Mary...

<https://youtu.be/ueejzXI5ZI?si=Dt62CROer3rHFHNR> – WAIT A MINUTE IT'S ADVENT- YOU MAY USE THIS INSTEAD OF THE LITURGY TODAY!

CARMEL COLLEGE LEAD THIS REFLECTION!

