



**"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 18th December 2023

The Third Week of Advent Year B



Self Belief

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THEME FOR THE WEEK:
'God comes to us.'

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ADVENT WEEK 3 Gaudete
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John 1:6-8,19-28
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WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:



FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

21TRUST PATRONAL FEAST DAYS DURING HOLIDAY - St John - 27th Dec Holy Family 50th Dec
ADVENT LITURGIES TO TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK. PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES TO BE COMMUNICATED TO FAMILIES.
Break for Christmas on Friday 22nd December

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





Monday 18th December 2023



Self Belief

O Adonai (O Leader of Israel)



SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

We continue our Advent journey.

We light the Candles of **Hope** and **Peace** again as we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfil all of God's promises and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

Today we light the third Candle of Advent, the Candle of **Joy**.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ



THE REFLECTION

When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him.

From hope, peace, grows joy.



WE PRAY

As we approach the great celebration of Christmas; we rejoice that Jesus comes to us to bring us His peace.

Lord, bring light to the darkest corners of our world. Amen

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Tuesday 19th December 2023

O Root of Jesse



Self Belief

THE WORD

As we read the words of scripture today, we reflect on the fact that Jesus is with us as we pray.

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew
You are to call Him
"Emmanuel, a name which means
'God-is-with-us'."

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

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

*(This music could be used to set the tone for this reflection:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJsy77j56gA>) We spend a few moments in silence welcoming the Lord into this place.*

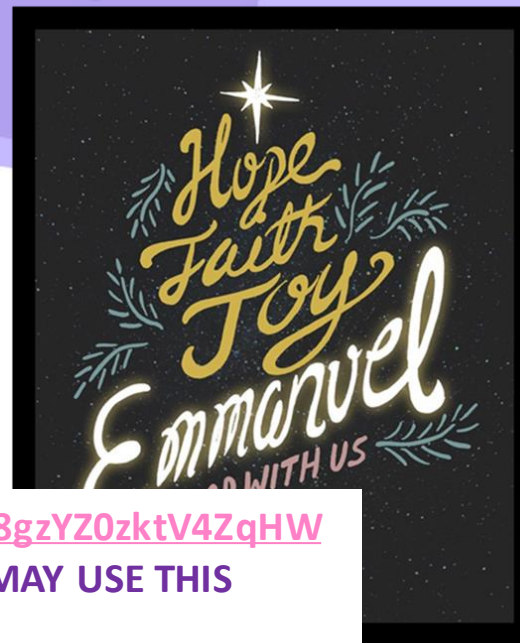
We gather by making the Sign on the Cross.
As 'Emmanuel', Jesus really was, and is, God-with-us. We can meet him in the people around us and in our own hearts. Dwelling within us, he still wants to speak out for justice, just as he did while on earth.

LIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Bring Christ to someone in need today

WE GO FORTH

Lord Jesus, thank you that you are with us.
Help us to be your hands, your voice, and your heart in our world.
Amen



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Wednesday 20th December 2023



Self Belief



Sign of the Cross and Gather

Choose a piece of music to help people enter into this time of prayer (This piece of music might be fitting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36H7eUC-h0M>)

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

We gather by making the Sign on the Cross.

O Key of David



LIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Notice God working in your life in the ordinary moments of this day.

We GO FORTH

Pray your school prayer today



The WORD

Our lives would be so much easier if an angel appeared every time we needed to know what to do!

At least, you'd think so. But in today's reading, an aged Zechariah is told by an angel that he will have a son (John the Baptist). And he still doesn't believe it!

So maybe it's not angels and miracles but ordinary things that will help us to believe in God and to work out what we ought to do in life...

From the Gospel of Luke Zechariah said to the angel, 'How can I be sure of this?'

Luke 1:5-25

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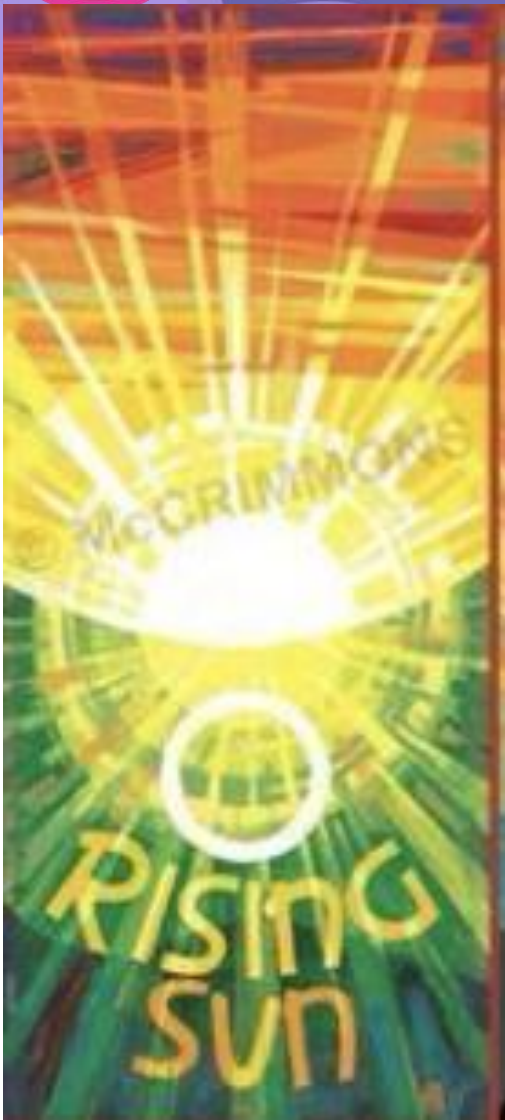


Thoughtful Thursday 21st December 2023

O Rising Sun



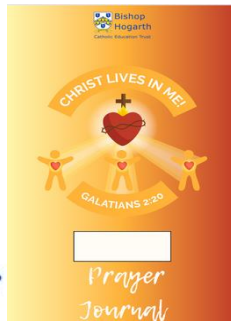
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Week 3 - Joy:

Materials needed: Construction paper, markers, scissors, tape or string
Instructions: Provide construction paper, markers, scissors, and tape or string.
Create paper chains with joyful messages or images representing the joy of Advent
Write down specific reasons for their joy and gratitude.



Prayer:

God of Joy, during this third week of Advent, we rejoice in Your presence. Thank You for the gift of joy. Help us to radiate Your joy to others and to find joy even in difficult circumstances. Fill our hearts with gladness as we await the birth of Jesus. Amen.



Scripture Passage: Luke 2:10 - "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people."

This week we are thankful for:



This week we are praying for:





Friday 22nd December 2023 –



Self Belief

O King of Nations

Sign of the Cross and Gather

Sometimes it is easy to get caught up in the presents, parties and preparations for Christmas. We can lose sight of the *'reason for the season.'*

As we journey towards the manger, we give thanks for the Gift of Jesus, born in the stable, born of Mary, born so that we might be free.



The REFLECTION

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sghwe4TYY18>

LIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Spend time reflecting on the real meaning of Christmas.

We GO FORTH

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