SEASON OF ADVENT

ADVENT WREATH LITURGIES



Advent 1 - HOPE (29th November)

Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of **HOPE**.
We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation. We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God.
We light this candle in Hope. (Light Candle)

On this day, we remember to look forward in hope for the coming of Christ.

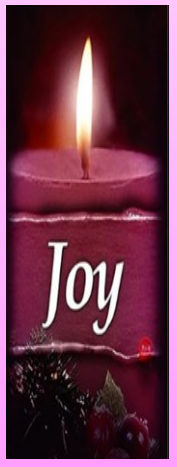


Advent 2 - PEACE (6th December)

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ.
Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of **PEACE**.
God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of a peaceful world full of wolves, leopards and lions eating, sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids and calves. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table.
We light this candle in Peace. (Light Candle)

On this day, we remember to look forward in hope for the coming of Christ.

Advent 3 - JOY (13th December)



BAMBELLINI SUNDAY (10.00am) is a beloved Advent tradition in the Catholic Church where children and families bring the Baby Jesus figurine (*bambinelli*) from their home nativity sets to be blessed.
On the first Sunday of Advent with lit the candle of Hope remembering the hope which comes in Christ. Last Sunday we lit the candle of Peace, we lit the candle of Peace, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world.
Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of **JOY**.
In Advent, we are in a time of waiting. Like the Israelites who wandered through the Wilderness, waiting to come into the Promised Land, we wait for the coming of the Joy of Ages. We wait for the day where we can join our voices with the angles to sing "Joy to the World, the Lord is come!" We wait for the day when everlasting joy will be on each of us.
We light his candle in Joy. (Light Candle)

On this day, we remember the Spirit who breathes joy into our lives.



Advent 4 - LOVE (20th December)

Family Mass with Sunday School Nativity Story (10.00am).

On the first Sunday of Advent with lit the candle of Hope remembering the hope which comes in Christ. On the Second Sunday of Advent we lit the candle of Peace, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world. On the Third Sunday of Advent we lit the candle for JOY, remembering we wait for the coming of the joy of ages.
Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of **LOVE**.
Scripture tells us " There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear". (1 John 4:18). God created this world in love and this world will end in the love of God. God's love pervades all aspects of life from birth to death.
We light his candle in Love. (Light Candle)

On this day, we remember God is love.

Christmas Eve - LIGHT (24th December)



Throughout this season we have lived, waited and remembered the hope, peace, joy and love of God found in Christ. Tonight we gather together and light candles in honour of the **Christ Child**.
With the birth of Christ, salvation has drawn near. The God who ordered the chaos of the universe has come down into the chaos of our world. The Word which was with God at the beginning came down and lived with us. While we were yet living in the valley of the shadow of death, the light of new life burst forth.
We light this candle for Christ. (Light Candle)

On this night, we remember our God has come in the Christ Child.