



CELEBRATING THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL  
W/C SUN 12TH DECEMBER, THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

# ADVENT: JOY!

## LUKE 3:15-18, A FEELING OF EXPECTANCY HAD GROWN

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.



Jesus lived with his parents, working as a carpenter for 30 years, before he began his public ministry. John, his cousin, Elizabeth's son, who was a little older than Jesus, began to tell people about him and baptise them. John was preparing the way, and this made them SO excited! These people had been waiting hundreds of years, and finally the one who had been spoken about by Isaiah and the Prophets was coming! Mary and Joseph had already been through this excitement, as they waited for the baby Jesus to be born. Of course, they all looked forward to the arrival of Jesus, but joyful anticipation is all part of the experience. Sometimes we are so focused on the end goal, that we miss out on the joy in our everyday lives. As Catholics today, we know the battle over darkness has been won by Jesus - the light! Advent is a season to remember that light and be excited! It's a season of small joys every single day - if only we remember to notice them.

## Daily Reflections



Please follow our Chaplaincy YouTube Channel, where a reflection will be shared each day during this season of Advent!

## The Advent Wreath

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- JOY • LOVE •



The Advent Wreath can be found in Christian Churches and homes across the world. There are four coloured candles to mark the four week countdown to Christmas, and one white or gold for Christmas Day. People attach different themes for each candle to symbolise. There are always three purple, and one pink. The purple is for reflection and penance, and the pink is for the third week of Advent, where we remind ourselves of the Joy of Christ!

## MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18: **The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst**

Psalm - Isaiah 12: **The rejoicing of a redeemed people**

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7: **The Lord is very near**

Gospel: Luke 3:10-8: **A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people**

## WE PRAY FOR...

All those we know who are sick and housebound, those in care or in hospital, and those who have recently died or have anniversaries at this time.

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