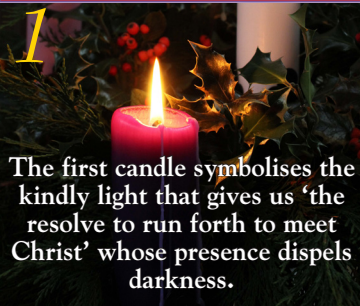










# Advent 2024: December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>1</b> The first candle symbolises the kindly light that gives us 'the resolve to run forth to meet Christ' whose presence dispels darkness.</p>	<p><b>2</b> When we remove all obstacles to Christ's presence he will come, at any hour or moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts.</p>	<p><b>3</b> We pray for those who are struggling and we ask the Lord to keep them in his care. Amen.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Lord Jesus, look after the children of the world, protect them and hear their prayers.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Do not worry about who is and is not on your side: simply make sure that God is with you in all you do.</p>	<p><b>6</b> The feast of Saint Nicholas. Saint Nicholas was especially devoted to the poor. We ask Saint Nicholas to intercede for all who need his help. Amen.</p>	<p><b>7</b> We ask Mary to watch over all those who are sick this Christmas and to support those who care for them at home and in hospitals. Amen.</p>
 <p><b>8</b> Second Sunday of Advent. We ask God for strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord.</p>	<p><b>9</b> The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Our Lady, overflowing with grace, all creation receives new life from your abundance.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Today we pray for all those living with dementia. May they know in their hearts God's comforting embrace and continue to realise, as names and memories fade, that they are loved by family, friends, and especially by you. Amen.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28</p>	<p><b>12</b> Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Feast of Saint Finian of Clonard.</p>	<p><b>13</b> O glorious Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr who gave her life for the Church, we venerate your sacrifice for our faith.</p>	 <p><b>14</b> "All things must be done with love." Pope Francis, Nov 2024</p>
 <p><b>15</b> Third Sunday of Advent. Gaudete Sunday. Rejoice! For the Lord is near!</p>	<p><b>16</b> Bless the work of those running food banks and centres; move us to give to them as generously as we can.</p>	<p><b>17</b> Today we pray for all who are housebound and for all those in care facilities. Amen.</p>	<p><b>18</b> As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be mindful that many people will be struggling to put food on their tables.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Give us hope, Lord, to steady our steps, for we walk by faith and not by earthly sight.</p>	<p><b>20</b> We give thanks and praise for mothers and fathers, young and old. We remember those who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.</p>	<p><b>21</b> We thank you, Lord, for all that we have: move us to give of our plenty to those who have little.</p>
 <p><b>22</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent. May the light of Christ enter our hearts.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Pray for all missionaries around the world, who are working to bring God's love where it is needed.</p>	 <p><b>24</b> The Lord is my light and my help.</p>	 <p><b>25</b></p>	<p><i>A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth.</i></p>		