Advent Programme 2023



Advent is an important season in the Church's year. Every year Christians use Advent to prepare themselves for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

At Sacred Heart, we will be doing this in the following ways:

- Advent Bags each family will have the opportunity to take home an Advent bag for an evening to share a story and prayers
- On the following dates, there will be an Advent reflection and a story at 3.20pm: 6th, 13th and 20th December. All welcome to attend
- Blessing Wreaths Service
- Festival of Cribs We are inviting children and families to create a nativity scene using any materials cardboard, lego, playdough even biscuit or cake! or send in a nativity scene you have at home. Entries to school on Tuesday 19th December we'd love to see your nativity scenes. All welcome to view these after school on that day. We will be fundraising for the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust during Advent and will have a bucket out for donations on this day
- Christmas Fair Friday 1st December 3.20pm
- Daily class Advent prayers using the Jesse Tree

- Christmas Outfits Friday 1st December (bring a bottle for the fair), Thursday 7th December (charity fundraiser), Wednesday 13th December (Christmas dinner day) and Monday 18th December (Christmas party day)
- Nativities / Presentations These will take place in church
- FS2, Y1, Y2 Monday 11th December 1.30pm and 5.30pm
- Y3 to Y6 Monday 18th December 5.30pm
 - Candlelit Carols We will end the term with a carol service in church on Friday 22nd December at 2.15pm.
 All welcome to attend
 - Reconciliation Children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Advent season

These events will be on the newsletter each week. We hope that you will get involved in some of these events in order to celebrate the season of Advent

Advent At Home

Below are some ideas of ways to mark Advent as a family.

- Make Advent promises linked to following Christ's example
- Attend Mass during Advent
- Create an Advent focus at home with a purple candle and a nativity scene
- Make a jar of good deeds or Acts of Kindness and pick one out each day
- Be a Hidden Hero do something nice for someone but don't get caught!

