

ADVENT 2022

God of hope, make us an Advent people,
preparing the way for life
in all its fullness.



Prepare The Way Of The Lord Advent Song

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



ADVENT 2022

**Sunday 27 November
to Saturday 24 December**

Advent is a period lasting four Sundays preparing for the birth of Jesus. The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Liturgical Year. The circle of the wreath reminds us of God, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning and no end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope we have in God, the hope of renewal and eternal life. The four candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays. The four Advent themes are **HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE**. The white candle in the middle celebrates the birth of Jesus.





HOW TO MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH

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- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cun0kJLe4

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.*

*May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.*

*May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.*

<http://litmus.dublindiocese.ie/2011/12/blessing-of-an-advent-wreath/>

Advent Calendar

- <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-families/Family-Advent-Calendar>
- <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>
- [Children's Advent Calendar | Loyola Press](#)



A person wearing a grey knit hat with a red pom-pom and a dark coat is seen from behind, looking towards a string of colorful, out-of-focus Christmas lights at night. The lights are in various colors including red, blue, green, and yellow, creating a bokeh effect. The text "WE GATHER TO PRAY IN ADVENT" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. A thin white horizontal line is positioned below the text.

WE GATHER TO PRAY
IN ADVENT



Space for Grace

Join The Loreto Education Trust,
Spiritans Education Trust, Le Chéile
Schools Trust, Marino Institute of
Education, CEIST & Dublin Diocese
Communities for online reflections
during Advent

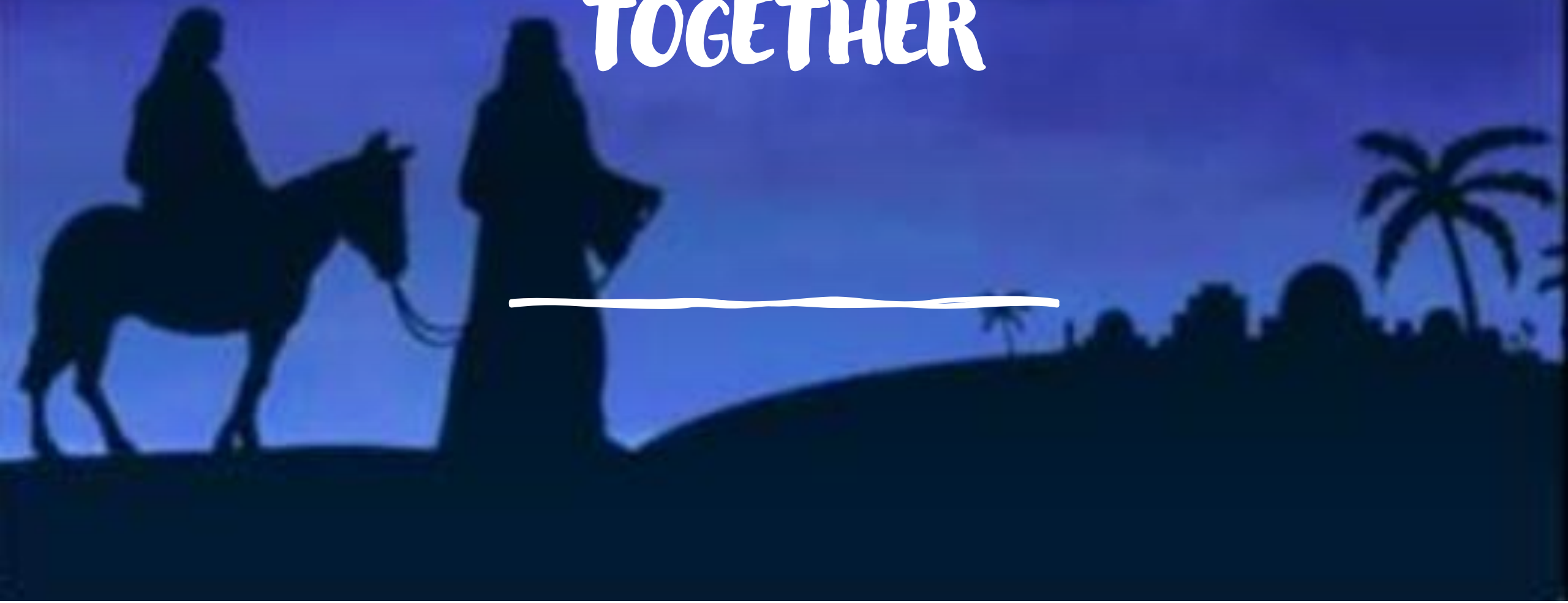
"Waiting in Hope"

"Ag Trúth le Dóchas"

Monday 28th Nov, 5th
Dec, 12th Dec at
1:20pm. The online link
has been emailed to
communities



JOURNEYING TO CHRISTMAS TOGETHER



ADVENT MUSIC

- **Prepare the Way of the Lord**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ujldm5tft5c>

- **Wait for the Lord (Taizé)** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7GexlvX8HU>

- **Advent Song: Waiting for Christmas** -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sp6OWxt2Rew>

- **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xtpJ4Q_Q-4

- **Waiting in Silence** -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bg8XCxUtKec&list=PLArBl9pWmlwkjKXX5OWuyGOyrMVNjR5dZ>

- **Immanuel** -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iE_tuMplOho&list=PLArBl9pWmlwkjKXX5OWuyGOyrMVNjR5dZ&index=2

Advent Themes

1st Week: Hope

2nd Week : Peace

3rd Week: Joy (rose-coloured candle)

4th Week: Love

The Jesse Tree

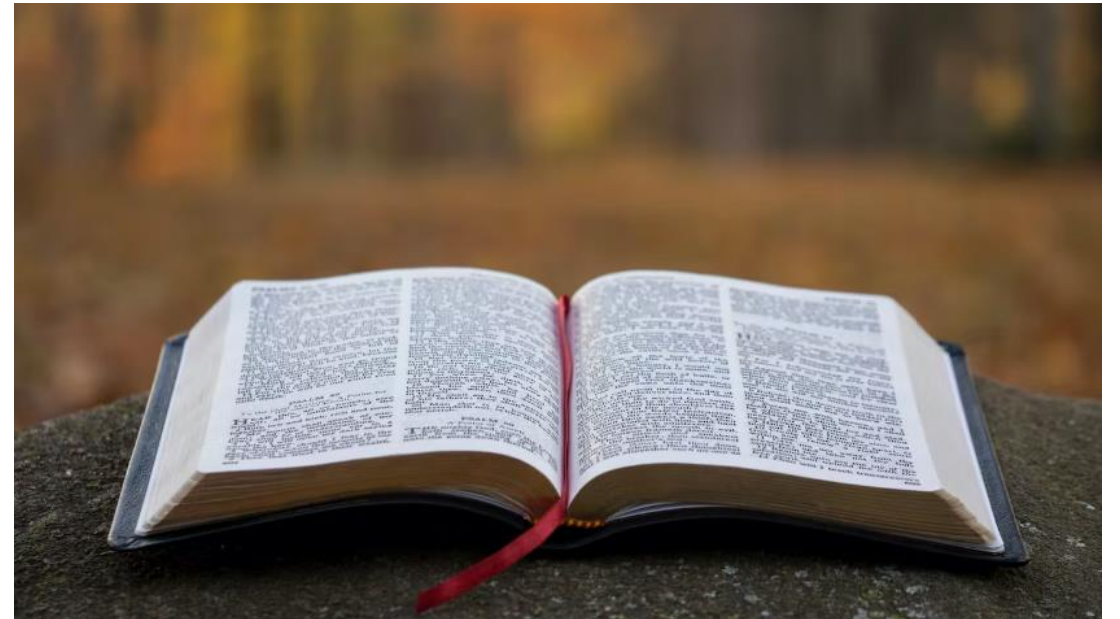
- https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/the-jesse-tree/utm_campaign=advent2021
- <https://www.faithward.org/jesse-tree/>



Readings in Advent

- <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112722.cfm>

*The people walking in
darkness have seen a great
light;
on those living in the land of
deep darkness
a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9)*



Advent in Art

- <https://artandtheology.org/tag/advent/>

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Bus Stop Nativity by Andrew Gadd

O ANTIPHONS



- O Wisdom - December 17
- O Adonai - December 18
- O Flower of Jesse's Stem - December 19
- O Key of David - December 20
- O Radiant Dawn - December 21
- O King of all Nations - December 22
- O Emmanuel - December 23
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhK_SjfMDX4

- The "O Antiphons" traditionally sung during the last week before Christmas (December 17-23), are more than a thousand years old.
- The traditional Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is probably the most popular and well known way of remembering some of those antiphons.
- They are called the "O Antiphons" simply because each begins with the word, "O" Originally used in monastic vespers during the last seven days before Christmas; gradually they came into use in the whole church.

Advent prayer resources

- <https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/four-weeks-christmas-people-and-places-scriptures>
- <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Advent-family-prayer-ideas>
- <https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/>
- Advent Examen
<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent-examen/>





Isaiah 11

- The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding ...

Behold This Newborn Child – Joyce Rupp

- Each time a child is born,
particularly after a grandparent dies,
we sense that life goes on.
All is not lost.
There is a deep resilience,
stronger than the grasp of death.
- The babe is lifted high
toward the welcoming stars,
a young life
with just a kernel of ripening,
a new resident
in the heart of existence.
- All those gathered proclaim:
- “Behold, behold, this new born one!
Let us nurture and keep alive
the sacred mystery of hope
hallowed in this young one’s heart.
We sow our dreams of a future
in this freshly birthed being.
We give our loving promise
to guide and guard this child.
Always we will remember
our oneness in the dancing cosmos.”

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- The stars say not a word.
They bow in reverence
to this creature,
whose adult hands will hold
power enough
to blow up a planet,
or seed a waiting garden.
 - The stars smile,
for they too have hope,
and night
turns toward the dawn.



Concluding Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for the blessings of this holy Advent season as we wait in faith, hope, love and joy.

We look forward to the coming of the light of Christ at Christmas.

At times of challenge, help us to turn towards that light in our lives.

May we be people of peace and justice all the days of our lives. Amen.



O Holy Night

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxB03nUPJ6U>
- As we look forward to Christmas, we end with *O Holy Night* sung by Loreto College, St Stephen's Green, Dublin.

