

Prayer with the Advent Wreath in church

Week 1 – Light the first purple candle

Child: God, we ask you to bless our parish Advent Wreath. It has evergreen leaves, reminding us that you will always be with us...and it is shaped like a circle, with no beginning or end, just like your love for us is always there for us, surrounding us every day.

Adult: Jesus, we look forward to celebrating your birth at Christmas. Open our hearts to love all the people we meet each day.

All: Come Lord Jesus into our hearts and in our parish.



Week 2 - Light the second purple candle

Child: Jesus, our brother, we ask you to bless our parish family during this Advent time. We light these candles to remind us that you bring light into our lives and into the world. We thank you for showing us how to show love and be kind and help those who need help.

Adult: God, your story of love for people all through time reminds us that you are with us, offering us light and hope. Help us to trust in you this week.

All: Come Lord Jesus into our hearts and into our parish.

Week 3 - Light the pink candle

Child: God, we light the pink candle today. You want joy for us...you want us to trust you and believe that you are there for us, even when things are hard.

Adult: Jesus, our friend, we thank you for the joy you give us as families and community...for all the love and kindness we enjoy together, for good neighbours and community. Help us to share our joy with others.

All: Come Lord Jesus into our hearts and into our parish.

Week 4 - Light the third purple candle

Child: Jesus our friend and brother, we ask you to bless all the people who are waiting to celebrate your birthday....help us to spend these days of waiting by showing love and kindness to everyone.

Adult: God, your love for us meant that you would give us your own Son. Help us to realise that you love us so much. We look forward to showing your love by being with you on Christmas Day.

All: Come Lord Jesus into our hearts and into our parish.

On Christmas Day – Place a white candle in the centre of the Advent wreath

Child: Jesus, today we light a white candle, to celebrate your birthday...thank you for coming into our families and parish...thank you for the presents we received to celebrate your birthday.

Adult: Jesus, you are our friend and brother. Today we celebrate your coming into our world....help us to live these Christmas days as a friend to everyone we meet.

All: Stay with us Lord Jesus in our hearts and in our parish and in our world.