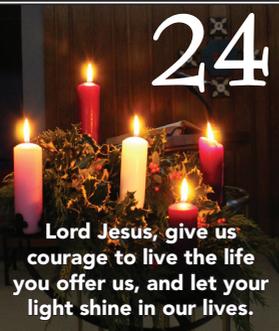




# Advent 2021: November & December 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>28</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent.</b> The first candle is a symbol of the kindly light that gives us 'the resolve to run forth to meet Christ' whose presence dispels darkness.</p> 	<p><b>29</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>30</b> Feast of St Andrew: "Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men."</p>	<p><b>1</b> I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my Saviour.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Do not lose heart.</p>	<p><b>3</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>The Lord is my light and my help.</p> <p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent.</b> May I respond with loving compassion to all who come to me.</p> 	<p><b>6</b> "Every day, as long as this 'today' lasts, keep encouraging one another." Hebrews 3:13</p>	<p><b>7</b> Through the prayers of Mary, our mother, heal the sick, comfort the sorrowful, pardon sinners, grant peace and salvation to all.</p>	<p><b>8</b> The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Our Lady, overflowing with grace, all creation receives new life from your abundance.</p>	<p>"Show patience in times of trouble; never cease praying." Romans 12:12 <b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> We pray for those who are struggling and we ask the Lord to keep them in his care. Amen.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Give us hope, Lord, to steady our steps, for we walk by faith and not by earthly sight.</p>
<p><b>12</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent.</b></p>  <p>John declared..., "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming who is more powerful than I am...He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire!</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> 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>15</b> Today we pray for all who are housebound and for all those in care facilities. Amen.</p>	<p>We thank you, Lord, for all that we have: move us to give of our plenty to those who have little.</p> <p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</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>18</b> Save us, Lord, while we are awake, protect us while we sleep.</p>
<p><b>19</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent.</b></p>  <p>"Of all women, you are most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb..." Luke 1:39-45</p>	<p>Lord, we ask you to hold closely young people who are struggling with everyday life. Let them see how much they are valued and loved. Amen.</p> <p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</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>As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be mindful that many people will be struggling to put food on their tables. Bless the work of those running food banks and centres; move us to give to them as generously as we can. Amen.</p> <p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> Lord Jesus, look after the children of the world, protect them and hear their prayers.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>  <p>Lord Jesus, give us courage to live the life you offer us, and let your light shine in our lives.</p>	<p><b>25</b> May Jesus light in our hearts, love, hope and peace. With Mary and Joseph we rejoice in the birth of Jesus. May we welcome Christ as they did. Amen.</p> 