



First Sunday of Advent

(Year A)

December 2025

Matthew 24:37-44

You can share a variety of liturgies linked to this week's gospel with your child at home.

You can find weekly Gospel Liturgies from The Mark 10 Mission by clicking on the link [here](#).

You can also share the Children's Liturgy from Redemptorist Publications with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph by clicking this link [here](#).

Check this newsletter regularly for other links to liturgies designed for children.

Each week, you can download a weekly Bible verse from *The God Who Speaks* website.

[Click here](#) to access the Weekly Bible Verse archive.



The Bible and Catholics

All Scripture is inspired by God

Jesus said to his disciples: "The coming of the Son of Man will be like what happened in the time of Noah. In the days before the flood people ate and drank, men and women married, up to the very day Noah went into the boat; yet they did not realise what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. At that time two men will be working in a field: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. Two women will be at a mill grinding meal: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind.

Watch out, then, because you do not know what day your Lord will come. If the owner of a house knew the time a thief would come, you can be sure that he would stay awake and not let the thief break into his house. So then, you also must always be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him.



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The gospel story is telling us that we must be ready when Jesus comes again, not just as a baby born at Christmas, but at the end of time. We cannot be exactly sure when that will be, so we must try to be ready all the time. (Although we don't have to stay awake all night, we can go to sleep!)

Jesus tells us that we may be very surprised when he comes. Sometimes people surprise us by coming to visit us at home when we are not expecting them. Or we might go to visit members of our family or friends.

How does it feel to go somewhere for the first time? What would you like others to do to make you feel welcome if you are going somewhere new?

And how can we make other people feel welcome? How can we welcome them in our home? Our school? In our church?

Jesus asks us to be ready when he comes again. How do you think we can get ready to welcome Jesus in our lives? Is it just about buying presents and putting up Christmas trees?

We can make sure we are ready and waiting for Jesus when he comes by living as he asks us to. By loving our neighbour, sharing what we have with others, being kind, helping one another etc. Can you think of any other ways we can be ready for Jesus?

What will you do this week to make sure you are ready when Jesus comes?

Art can help bring the Gospel to life for children.



You may find the website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to explore with your child. Each day they share artwork linked to the daily Gospel.

**Blessed are the eyes that see
what you see!
Luke 10:21-24**

**Trust in Jesus,
Painting by Yongsung Kim,
Painted in 2019,
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We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!



Traditional: [Lord Of All Hopefulness](#) by Jan Struther
Contemporary: [Hope Has A Name](#) by River Valley Worship
Contemporary: [Living Hope](#) by Phil Wickham



You can now access the Ten:Ten Parent Portal at home with the details below.

**Ten:Ten
Resources**

Username: st-michaels-tw15

Password: thames-orange

Parent Portal:

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal



YouCat is a guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for children. It is an easy read and a user friendly guide for parents and carers to support their children.

You can find out more about YouCat at www.youcat.org

Catholic Social Teaching:

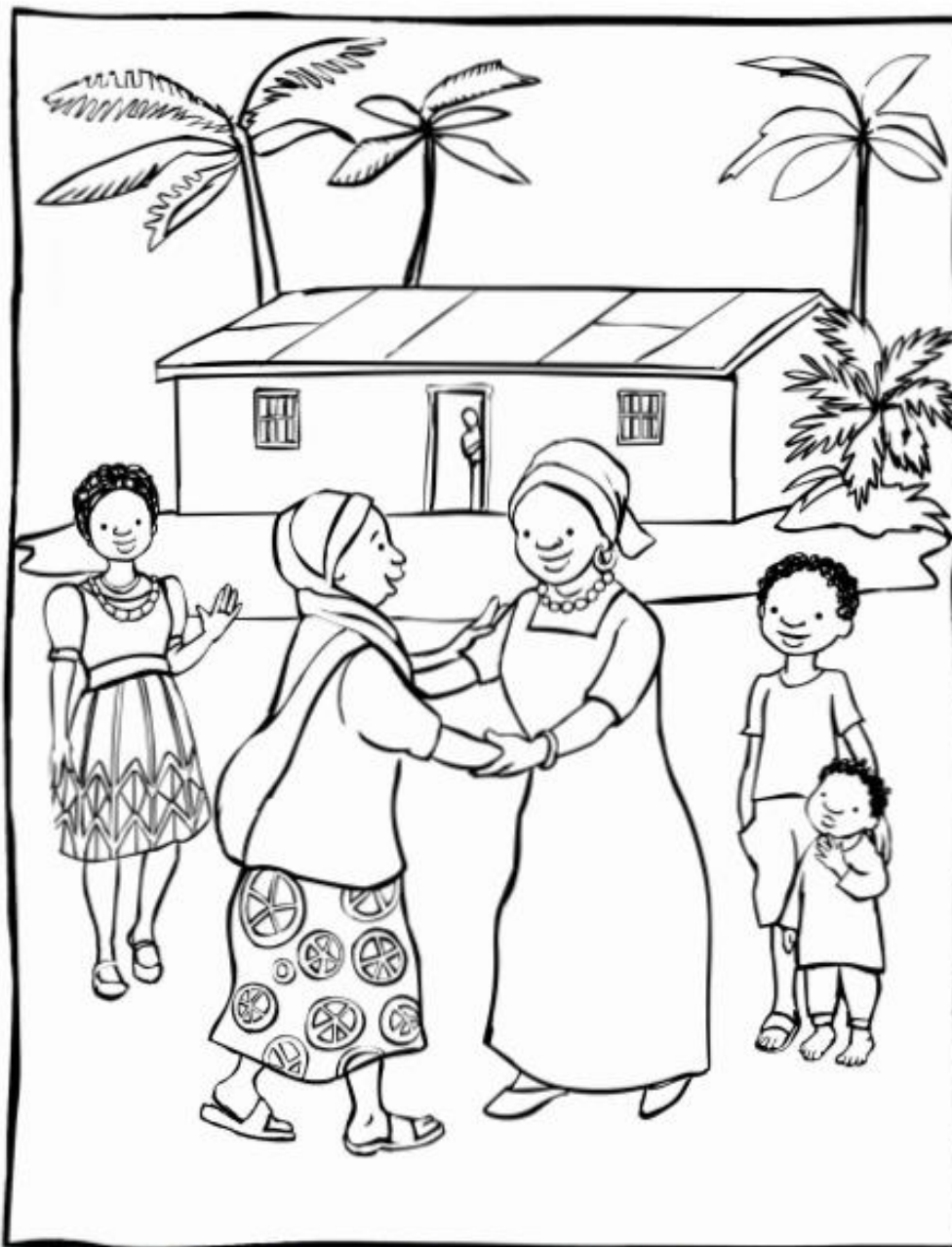
*Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to
this week?*

**DIGNITY SOLIDARITY THE COMMON GOOD THE OPTION FOR THE POOR PEACE
CARE FOR CREATION THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND PARTICIPATION**



This week's Gospel activity sheet from [CAFOD](#):

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Feast Days

1 Dec	1st Sunday of Advent
8 Dec	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
12 Dec	Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast)
21 Dec	4th Sunday of Advent
25 Dec	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day, Solemnity)
26 Dec	St Stephen, First Martyr (Feast)
27 Dec	St John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)
28 Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (Feast)
29 Dec	St Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr (Feast)
31 Dec	St Sylvester I, Pope (Memorial)