



Third Sunday in Advent

Dec 2023

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

God sent his messenger, a man named John, who came to tell people about the light, so that all should hear the message and believe. He himself was not the light; he came to tell about the light.

The Jewish authorities in Jerusalem sent some priests and Levites to John to ask him, "Who are you?"

John did not refuse to answer, but spoke out openly and clearly, saying: "I am not the Messiah."

"Who are you, then?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?"

"No, I am not," John answered.

"Are you the Prophet?" they asked.

"No," he replied.

"Then tell us who you are," they said. "We have to take an answer back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

John answered by quoting the prophet Isaiah:

"I am 'the voice of someone shouting in the desert:

Make a straight path for the Lord to travel!'"

The messengers, who had been sent by the Pharisees, then asked John, "If you are not the Messiah nor Elijah nor the Prophet, why do you baptize?"

John answered, "I baptize with water, but among you stands the one you do not know. He is coming after me, but I am not good enough even to untie his sandals."

All this happened in Bethany on the east side of the River Jordan, where John was baptizing.

(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation® and used with permission, see details below)*



At the beginning of this week's Gospel message it talks a lot about the light. The light is another name for someone very special. Can you think who that might be?

Jesus is the light of the world. This reading says that John the Baptist came to tell everyone Jesus was coming. Why do you think Jesus is called the light of the world? - Jesus is the Son of God and he shows us how we should live – he is a shining light in the darkness for us to follow.

If we share the light we can see so much more! If we share the light of Jesus we can light up the whole world. How do you think we can share the light of Jesus with others?

We can be kind. We can be generous. We can share with others. We can be friendly. We can help people who are poor, or sick, or hungry.

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.

This week's Sunday Gospel art is:
Feast of Saint John of the Cross
Matthew 11:11-15

The Crucifixion,
Drawing by Saint John of the Cross (1542-1591),
Drawn circa 1572,
Pencil on paper
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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!

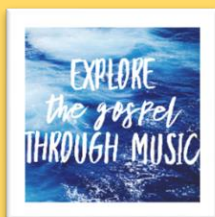
Traditional: ['Oh Come all Ye Faithful \(Let Us Adore Him\)'](#)

Rend Collective version

Traditional: ['We Three Kings'](#)

Traditional: ['While Shepherds Watched'](#)

Contemporary: ['This is the Christ'](#) by Sandra McCracken



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

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Password: thames-orange

Parent Portal: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal

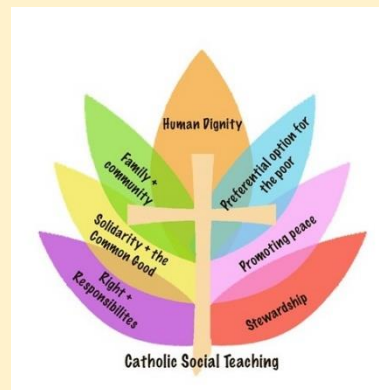
Ten:Ten
Resources



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?



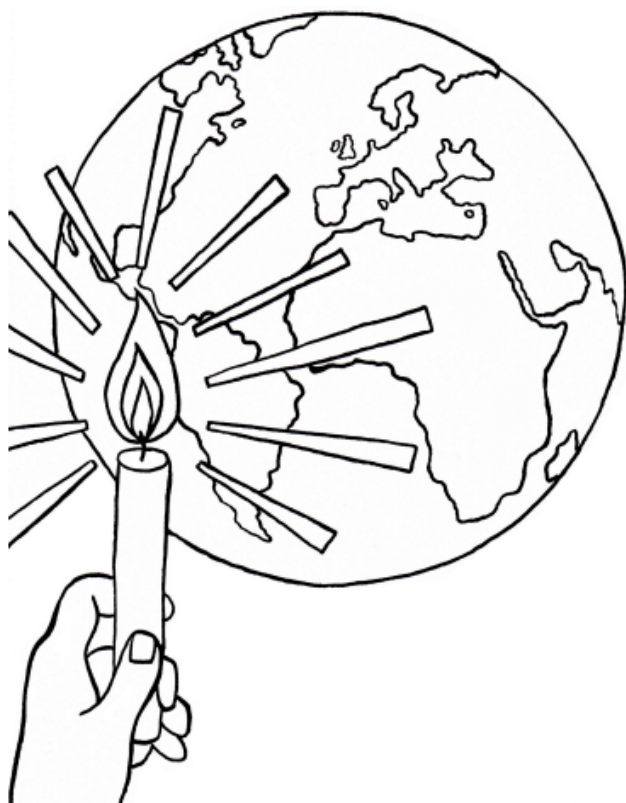
*This week's Gospel activity sheet from **CAFOD**:*

Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

"John... came to tell people about the light, so that all should hear the message and believe."

Today is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "joy". Write or draw what brings you joy and makes you happy?



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Prayer for the light of the world

Cut out this prayer and stick it to some card to keep. Decorate it and say it at home during the week.

God of light, shine brightly,
show us how
to bring hope to others.
God of love, help us
to comfort people and
to share in their joy.
God of hope,
help us this Advent,
to share your light with others.
Amen.

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LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS
November - St Andrew (30th) December - St Ambrose (7th) - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th) - St Lucy (13th) - St John of the Cross (14th)	December - International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (2nd) National Grief Awareness Week (2 nd -8 th) - International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3rd) - World Soil Day (5th) - International Volunteer Day (5th) - Human Rights Day (10th) - International Migrants Day (18th) - International Human Solidarity Day (20th)

PRAYER INTENTIONS during Advent (Based on the Liturgical Year)	Liturgical Colour
Migrants and Refugees (Migrants' day - 3 rd December)	PURPLE
Openness to the Word of God (Bible Sunday – 2 nd Sunday in Advent)	
Expectant Mothers (especially on 4 th Sunday)	