



First Sunday of Advent

December 2024

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.



"There will be strange things happening to the sun, the moon, and the stars. On earth whole countries will be in despair, afraid of the roar of the sea and the raging tides. People will faint from fear as they wait for what is coming over the whole earth, for the powers in space will be driven from their courses. Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in a cloud with great power and glory. When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your salvation is near."

"Be on your guard. Don't let yourselves become occupied with too much feasting and drinking and with the worries of this life, or that Day may suddenly catch you like a trap. For it will come upon all people everywhere on earth. Be on the alert and pray always that you will have the strength to go safely through all those things that will happen and to stand before the Son of Man."



(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation® and used with permission)

What do you remember from today's reading?

Jesus is talking about when he will come again. Can you remember what he said to his disciples?

Jesus says that he will come again in a cloud with power and great glory. Do we know when Jesus will come again?

Even though we do not know the exact time when Jesus will come again, he says that we need to be ready. We have to wait and watch for him.

What's the most exciting thing you've ever had to wait for? Was it the visit of a friend or family member? Was it for a special treat? How did it feel while you were waiting? Did the time go quickly or slowly? What did you do while you were waiting?

Waiting is not easy, is it? Especially if we don't know when the thing or the person we are waiting for will arrive.

We do not know when Jesus will come again, but in today's gospel Jesus tells us to pray and to watch how we behave while we are waiting, so that we will be ready when he comes. How do you think Jesus wants us to behave? How do you think he would like us to treat other people both here and around the world?

Jesus asks us to love one another and to treat other people as we want to be treated. Whether they're in our own family or on the other side of the world.

What will you do this week, so that you can try to be ready when Jesus comes again?

The other thing that is special about waiting for Jesus during Advent is hope. We have hope that Jesus will one day come again and make all things new. We have hope because of his birth long ago in a stable in Bethlehem, when he came to show all people God's love for us.

Hope is not just a wish for good things to come in the future. It also changes the way that we feel and think and act. When things are hard, if we have hope that they will get better in the future, that helps us to keep trying and working to change things. And this then often leads to the difficult situation getting better.

We can share hope with others, by being with them in difficult times, by giving them a smile or a hug, or by helping them with something that is hard.

What is your hope this Advent? And how do you think you could share hope with others around the world?

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.

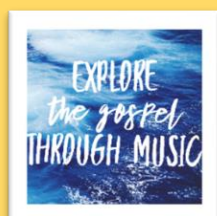
Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
Luke 19:45-48

Saint Cecilia,
Sculpture by Stefano Maderno (1575-1636),
Sculpted in 1599-1600,
White marble
© Santa Cecilia in Trastevere, Rome / Christian Art



We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!

Traditional: 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling' by Charles Wesley
Contemporary: [Yesterday](#).



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

Username: st-michaels-tw15

Password: thames-orange

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?

**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](#):

First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

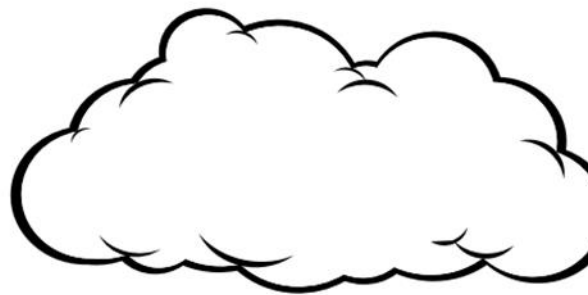
Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36



"Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in cloud with great power and glory." Luke 21:

Sharing hope

The gospel this week says Jesus will come again in a cloud of glory. Write or draw on the cloud what you are hoping for this Advent and how you can bring hope to others.



Advent begins

Today is the start of Advent. Colour in the flame of the first candle on the Advent wreath. You may like to colour the candles too – 2 purple, 1 pink, 1 purple.





St. Michael Catholic Primary School and Nursery
Excellence · Enrichment · Enjoyment



December 1: Wednesday of the First Week of Advent

December 6: Nicholas

December 8: Immaculate Conception of Mary

December 11–17: Third Sunday of Advent

December 12: Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent

December 18–24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 25: Christmas Day, the Nativity of the Lord

December 26: Saint Stephen's Day, the Feast of the Holy Family

December 27: Feast of St John the Apostle

December 28: Feast of the Holy Innocents

December 29: Thomas Becket

December 30–31: Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas, Saint Sylvester's Day