

FAMILY PRAYER

At Home

All Saints
Catholic Academy Trust



Thursday 7th December 2023

Let's Prepare

Take a moment to gather with your family and find a quiet space. Be comfortable. Light a candle if you have one. Clear your mind and open your heart.

Let's Learn

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. In Church, the second candle on the Advent wreath will be lit. Do you know what colour the candle is?



This candle is the symbol of faith and is often referred to as the Bethlehem Candle. The candle's name has its origins in the prophet Micah, who prophesied Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. We are reminded of the faith

the prophets had in God as they delivered His message, and the faith of the early Christians in Jesus as the promised Messiah.

Let's Read

Philippians 1: 9-11

This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love; that you will see the difference between good and bad and choose the good; that you will be pure and without wrong for the coming of Christ; that you will be filled with the good things produced in your life by Christ to bring glory and praise to God.

Let's Reflect

In his letter, Paul prays that his readers will come to know and understand more about the love God has for them, in order to deepen their faith. The love described by Paul is an active, lived-out love.

How will you live-out your love for God this Advent?
How will you grow in faith?

Let's Listen

Use the link below to listen to the hymn 'O Come O Come Emmanuel,' performed by The Mark 10 Mission.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIH71-qZGg>

Pope Francis on Advent:

"Advent is a time to let go and allow oneself to be surprised by God... it is an occasion to think about who the Lord really is and how to imitate him in daily life."



Let's Pray

Come Lord of us all,
stir up the darkness.
We light just one candle
to keep us awake.

Come Lord of nature,
wise and just ruler.
The light of two candles
shows us how to live.

Come Lord of our life.
Deserts are greening.
The light of three candles
show that you are near.

Come Son of David,
he who was promised.
By four candles' brightness
the true king will come.

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~Amen~

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