

ADVENT CALENDAR 2022

DAILY SUGGESTIONS TO HELP US PREPARE FOR
THE BIRTH OF JESUS



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE
Evangelisation Brisbane

SUNDAY

27/11 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOPE

Set up your Advent wreath & light the first purple candle

4/12 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PEACE

Light two purple candles on the Advent wreath

11/12 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JOY

Light two purple candles and the pink one on the Advent wreath

18/12 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LOVE

Light all the candles on the Advent wreath



MONDAY

28/11



Collect toiletries and non-perishable food and donate to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal

5/12

*Put Mary, Joseph & the donkey near the front door



12/12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Make tissue paper roses & read the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe



19/12



Make a Christmas card for your grandparents & thank them for their love

TUESDAY

29/11



Set up just the stable and manger from your nativity set under your Christmas tree

6/12

As a family, share precious memories of people who cannot be with you this Christmas



13/12 ST LUCY

On the feast of St Lucy visit the Christmas lights near your home



20/12



Pray for safety for all who are travelling this Christmas



WEDNESDAY

30/11

Write a thank-you note to your teacher. Remember to also pray for them



7/12 ST AMBROSE

St Ambrose is the patron saint of learners: so pray for who have just finished school



14/12

Make a special ornament for your Christmas tree.



21/12

Have a look on a map to see how far Mary & Joseph had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem



THURSDAY

1/12

Set the table and clean up after dinner



8/12 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Pray the Hail Mary together before you go to bed



15/12

Jesus, Mary & Joseph were refugees when they fled to Egypt. Pray for refugees



22/12



Investigate the town of Bethlehem. What is it like today? Who lives there?

FRIDAY

2/12



Make a difference to someone you will never meet - buy a Caritas Global gift www.globalgifts.org.au

9/12 ST JUAN DIEGO

Read the story of St Juan Diego & cook Mexican for dinner



16/12 Have some family time & watch your favourite Christmas themed movie together



23/12



**Bring the angels, shepherds, sheep, Mary & Joseph to the stable & bless the nativity scene.

SATURDAY

3/12

*Put the shepherds and sheep from your nativity set near the back door



10/12

Go for a family walk & thank God for the wonder of creation



17/12



Make & deliver Christmas treats to your neighbours

24/12

Go to Christmas Vigil Mass tonight. Place baby Jesus in the manger when you get home



** Blessing of the Crib is on the reverse side of this page.
Add the magi on the Epiphany, 8th January
*During the days of Advent move Mary, Joseph, shepherds, & sheep through the house on their way to the crib.

BLESSING OF THE CRIB

Small children could place the figures & older children or adults could read the blessing

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen

Leader: During Advent we have been getting ready to celebrate the great feast of Christmas, in our hearts, and in our home.

Dear God, today, we prepare the crib to remind us of the birth of your Son, Jesus, over 2000 years ago. We ask you to bless us as we try to do your work in our world.

All: Amen

Reader 1: (Place the animals)

We place the animals to remind us of your presence in all of creation. Help us to be kind to animals.

Reader 2: (Place the shepherds)

We place the shepherds, remembering that they were the first to hear the Good News about Jesus and then told everyone. Help us to be Good News people.

Reader 3: (Place Joseph)

We place the figure of Joseph, who looked after Mary, his wife, and taught Jesus all he knew. Help us to live life to the full.

Reader 4: (Place Mary)

We place the figure of Mary, whose 'yes' to God gave birth to our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Help us to respond to God's call in faith and trust. May all parents share the deep and pure love that Mary and Joseph felt for their child.

Reader 5: (Place the Angel)

We place the angel, remembering that it was the angel who delivered the messages from God and told Mary and the shepherds not to be afraid. Help us to recognise the angels in our lives.

Leader: May we know the joy of the shepherds and the song of the angels.

All: Amen

Leader: May this crib remind us that Jesus is with us always and may we praise the name of Jesus for ever and ever

All: Amen



AVAILABLE THIS CHRISTMAS

Christmas isn't just one day books

Books filled with activities that explore the season of Christmas. Perfect for primary school aged children and their families.

Available to purchase online from the Evangelisation Brisbane shop and participating parishes.

evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop

