



# WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

## 2–7 December 2024

### FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

#### YEAR C

**MONDAY 2nd December 2024**  
Monday of the first week of Advent

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations;  
declare it to the distant lands:  
Behold, our Saviour will come; you need  
no longer fear.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 2:1-5

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9*

**R.** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the  
Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord. **R.**  
For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!' **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come and save us, Lord our God;  
let us see your face, and we shall be  
saved.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 8:5-11

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Come, O Lord, visit us in peace,  
that we may rejoice before you with a  
blameless heart.

**TUESDAY 3rd December 2024**  
St Francis Xavier

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

I will praise you, Lord, among the  
nations;  
I will tell of your name to my kin.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17*

**R.** Justice shall flourish in his time, and  
fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the  
king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in  
justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to the earth's  
bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they  
cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Behold, our Lord shall come with  
power; he will enlighten the eyes of his  
servants. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 10:21-24

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

What I say to you in the darkness  
speak in the light, says the Lord,  
what you hear whispered,  
proclaim on the housetops.

## **WEDNESDAY 4th December 2024**

**Wednesday of the first week of Advent**

### **ENTRANCE ANTHIPHON:**

The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is hidden in darkness and reveal himself to all the nations.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 25:6-10

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 22*

**R.** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of  
darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and  
your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall  
follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Lord is coming to save his  
people; happy are those prepared to  
meet him. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 15:29-37

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Behold, our Lord will come with  
power and will enlighten the eyes of  
his servants.

## **THURSDAY 5th December 2024**

**Thursday of the first week of Advent**

### **ENTRANCE ANTHIPHON:**

You, O Lord, are close, and all your  
ways are truth.

From of old I have known of your  
decrees, for you are eternal.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 26:1-6

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 117:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27*

**R.** Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good  
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. **R.**

Open to me the gates of holiness:  
I will enter and give thanks.  
This is the Lord's own gate  
where the just may enter  
I will thank you for you have given  
answer  
and you are my saviour. **R.**

O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the  
Lord;

the Lord God is our light. **R.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Seek the Lord while he can be found.  
Call on him while he is near.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 7:21, 24-27

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Let us live justly and devoutly in this  
age, as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of the glory of our  
great God.

**FRIDAY 6th December 2024**  
**Friday of the first week of Advent**

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION**

Behold, the Lord will come  
descending with splendour to visit his  
people with peace,  
and he will bestow on them eternal  
life.

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 29:17-24

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14*

**R.** The Lord is my light and my  
salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help,  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's  
goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take  
heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Behold, our Lord shall come with  
power; he will enlighten the eyes of  
his servants.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Matthew 9:27-31

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

We await a saviour, the Lord Jesus  
Christ, who will change our mortal  
bodies, to conform with his glorified  
body.

**SATURDAY 7th December 2024**  
**Saint Ambrose**

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION**

In the midst of the Church he  
opened his mouth,  
and the Lord filled him with the  
spirit of wisdom and understanding  
and clothed him in a robe of glory.

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 30:19-21,  
23-26

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 146:1-6*

**R.** Happy are all who long for the  
coming of the Lord

for he is good;  
sing to our God for he is loving:  
to him our praise is due.  
The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles. **R.**

He heals the broken-hearted,  
he binds up all their wounds.  
He fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.  
The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked in the  
dust. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Lord will judge us by his law;  
he is our King and Saviour.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Matthew 9:35-10:1, 6-8

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

He who ponders the law of the Lord  
day and night  
will yield fruit in due season.

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# Benediction Hymns and Prayer

## O SAVING VICTIM

O saving victim, op'ning wide  
The gate of heav'n to us below.  
Our foes press on from ev'ry side,  
Thine aid supply, thy strength  
bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend  
For evermore, blest One in Three;  
O grant us life that shall not end,  
In our true native land with thee.  
Amen.

## HYMN OF ADORATION

Down in adoration falling,  
This great sacrament we hail;  
Ancient types have long departed  
Newer rites of grace prevail  
Faith for all defects supplying  
Where the feeble senses fail.

Glory let us give and blessing  
To the Father and the Son,  
honour, might and praise addressing  
while eternal ages run;  
Equal praise to him confessing  
who proceeds from both as one.  
AMEN

V. You have given them bread from  
heaven

R. Having in itself all delight.

## SWEET SACRAMENT DIVINE

Sweet Sacrament Divine,  
hid in thy earthly home,  
Lo! Round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come.  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise,  
Sweet Sacrament Divine.

Sweet Sacrament of Peace,  
dear home of every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease,  
and sorrows all depart.  
There in thine ear, all trustfully  
We tell our tale of misery  
Sweet Sacrament of Peace.

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## PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

**Celebrant:** At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved.  
**Response:** For they were like sheep without a shepherd.

**Celebrant:** Jesus said, 'The harvest is ready.'  
**Response:** But the labourers are few.

**Celebrant:** Ask the Lord to send our labourers for the harvest.  
**Response:** O Lord, we pray for more young people to answer the call to become priests and religious in your harvest.

**Celebrant:** And shepherd for your people.  
**Response:** Amen.