

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Holy Family's Advent Wreath of Giving - 2025

Linked to the Advent wreath, each class will be planning and making an act of kindness/gift during Advent that we can donate to a local charity and our community. We will then be delivering our gifts during Advent.

Please see below which activity and donations your child will be taking part in. Please can we kindly ask that all donations are brought into school by **Monday 1st December**.

Prayer for Advent

Lord God,

Keep us aware of your presence in all we do.

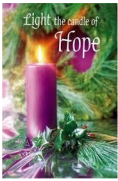
Fill our hearts with Joy so that we might live each day serving others, and in so doing, praising you.


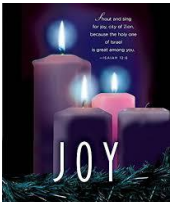

Enlighten us by your grace, so that peace reigns in our hearts.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Advent day activities and donations

Year groups	Advent candle	Meaning	Activity
Year N & R	The first candle - HOPE 	<i>During the first week we light the Prophet's Candle as we focus on the virtue of hope. This week is a time to acknowledge that Jesus is coming. We should begin preparing our hearts to welcome Him at Christmas.</i>	HOPE Dementia tea services In school, children will be making a special Advent craft/Christmas card. DONATIONS: Please can we kindly ask children to bring in a small wrapped gift appropriate for an attendee at one of the dementia tea services. These gifts will be accompanied with their card/advent craft from school. Thank you.

<p>Year 1 & 2</p>	<p>The second candle - FAITH</p> 	<p><i>The second week of Advent is a time to practice the virtue of faith as we light the Bethlehem Candle. We should call to mind the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. When they arrived there was no room at the inn – no room for Jesus. It is a time to continue drawing closer to Christ so that when He comes He may find a home in our hearts.</i></p>	<p>FAITH Vision Support We are delighted that some of our older children will be able to visit vision support to sing Christmas carols & songs and we would like to send a chocolate hamper to them. Our Y1/2 children will be making a class Advent wreath and taking part in Advent crafts to share with the people who attend.</p> <p>DONATIONS: Any donations towards a chocolate hamper would be greatly received and appreciated. Thank you</p>
<p>Year 5 & 6</p>	<p>The third candle - JOY</p> 	<p><i>On Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, we celebrate joy and light the Shepherd's Candle. On Christmas night the Angels appeared to the shepherds and brought them, as the Bible says, "news of great joy!"</i></p>	<p>JOY Holy Family Church & Parish of Our Lady of Furness In school, children will be writing a special letter to our parishioners about what we have been up to in school to spread joy and happiness.</p> <p>DONATIONS: Please can we ask for a donation for a Christmas hamper. The children will sell raffle tickets one night after school to raise money for YALUMBA School in Zambia which our Parish supports. Thank you</p>
<p>Year 3 & 4</p>	<p>Final week of Advent PEACE</p> 	<p><i>The final week of Advent is a time of peace as we light the Angel's Candle. We should be mindful of the Angels' announcement of, "Peace on earth, good will to men!"</i></p>	<p>PEACE Anna Chaplaincy & Salvation Army In school, children will be preparing a special Advent gift to share with our local community and a housebound resident. We will also be organising a special Advent gift for some families who are unfortunately not in a position to give to their children. We are also going to make a hamper as a raffle prize to raise money to send to the charity Mary's Meals.</p> <p>DONATIONS: Year 4 - Please can we kindly ask for children to bring in an item which would be either suitable as a gift to give to a housebound resident or be suitable for us to make a Christmas hamper. Year 3 - Please can we kindly ask for children to</p>

			bring in a small wrapped gift for a child. Please label your gift with an appropriate age band and gender. Thank you
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The fifth candle is white and represents the birth of Christ.

If you have any questions then please either contact myself or your child's class teacher.
Thank you as always for your continued support.

Mrs R Porter
Headteacher