

Year B - Third Sunday of Advent

John 1:19-28

Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus)



Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) This could be the start of a new parish tradition! Talk to your parish priest about doing this as part of your Sunday celebration with the whole community participating. Invite all parishioners to bring their Bambinelli from home to be blessed. After the blessing, they then take their Bambinelli home and place it under their Christmas tree, waiting for Christmas Eve when the Bambinelli can be placed in the manger to mark the birth of the Baby Jesus.

You will need:

- The children's Bambinelli from home (remind the families)
- If they don't have their own, you can give them a copy of the baby Jesus from the following page (they can make a 'crib' at home later).



For other Advent activities go to the Children and Families team Advent Christmas page

Let us pray:

God, our Father you so loved humankind that you sent us your only Son Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you.

We pray that, with your blessing, these images of Jesus, soon to come among us, may be a sign of your presence and love in our homes.

Good Father, give your Blessing to us too, to our parents, to our families and to our friends.

Open our hearts, so that we may be able to receive Jesus in joy, always do what he asks and see him in all those who are in need of our love.

I now bless these Bambinelli and the children who present them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Holy water may be used at the time of the blessing).

We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son who comes to give the world peace and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



