ADVENT CALENDAR 2026

DAILY SUGGESTIONS TO HELP US PREPARE FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS

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29TH NOVEMBER SUNDAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is the first day of Advent. Scan the QR code to learn about the first Sunday in Advent.

HOPE

30TH OF NOVEMBER MONDAY

BE A DISCIPLE

Today is the feast of St Andrew, one of Jesus disciples. How can you be a disciple of Jesus today?

1ST DECEMBER TUESDAY

FAMILY TIME

Take a walk as a family to see the Christmas lights in your neighbourhood. Count the stars you see.

2ND DECEMBER WEDNESDAY

ADVENT MINUTE

Scan the QR code to spend a minute in prayer.

3RD DECEMBER THURSDAY

GOD LOVES YOU!

Today is the feast of St Francis Xavier. He told many people about God's great love! Prepare for his feast - find someone you can share God's love with.

4TH DECEMBER FRIDAY

FAMILY TIME

Watch the Encounter Catholic Kids 'It's Advent' video together!

5TH DECEMBER SATURDAY

ACTS OF SERVICE

St Vincent de Paul Society and work

Donate food items for the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal.

6TH DECEMBER SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF AVENT

Scan the QR code to learn about the Second Sunday in Advent.

PEACE

7TH DECEMBER MONDAY

ADVENT CRAFT

Try out these Advent Playdough mats! Just print and play!

8TH DECEMBER TUESDAY

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Solemnity - Pray the Hail Mary together before you go to bed

9TH DECEMBER WEDNESDAY

ADVENT MINUTE

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10TH DECEMBER THURSDAY

ACTS OF KINDNESS

Write a special Christmas letter to each of the members of your family. Place them under the Christmas tree to hand out on Christmas day.

11TH DECEMBER FRIDAY

ACTS OF SERVICE

Caritas AUSTRALIA

Make a difference to someone you will never meet! Buy a Caritas Global gift

www.globalgifts.org.au

12TH DECEMBER SATURDAY

FAMILY TIME

Make some special biscuits together and share them with family or friends.

13TH DECEMBER SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Scan the QR code to learn about the Third Sunday in Advent.

JOY

14TH DECEMBER MONDAY

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

Saint John of the Cross had a deep love for scripture. Find a story in the bible that you love and share it with someone else.

15TH DECEMBER TUESDAY

PRAYER TIME

Make some Advent Promises to help step into the Christmas Season with joy and courage.

16TH DECEMBER WEDNESDAY

ADVENT MINUTE

Scan the QR code to spend a minute in prayer.

17TH DECEMBER THURSDAY

ADVENT CRAFT

Get ready for the gift of Jesus by making the Holy Family Candle holder.

18TH DECEMBER FRIDAY

TIME WITH CREATION

Go for a family walk and thank God for our wonderous creation.

19TH DECEMBER SATURDAY

FAMILY TIME

Have some family time & watch your favourite Christmas themed movie together.

20TH DECEMBER SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Scan the QR code to learn about the Fourth Sunday in Advent.

LOVE

21ST DECEMBER MONDAY

ACTS OF SERVICE

Police, fire fighters & paramedics help keep us safe all year round. Take a homemade gift to your local station to say thank you.

22ND DECEMBER TUESDAY

ACTS OF SERVICE

Do a job around the house without being asked, like tidy your room or put the dishes away.

23RD DECEMBER WEDNESDAY

PRAYER TIME

As Christmas draws near, write a prayer thanking Jesus for His great gift of love and ask Him to help you share that love with others.

24TH DECEMBER THURSDAY

FAMILY TIME

Get the crib ready for Jesus. Place extra straw in the manger and say a prayer as a family to get ready for Jesus.