**December**

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| Advent | Christmas |

***'Prepare! Prepare! Make ready, make way! Prepare! Prepare! Begin today!'***

The Season of Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus. Singing 'Silent Night' is a great way for the whole school to come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The *Termly Overview*, prayer postcards and powerpoints are all available on [www.education.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.education.dublindiocese.ie/).

Resources specifically for the season of Advent can be found on [www.education.dublindiocese.ie/2013/12/02/advent-resources/](http://www.education.dublindiocese.ie/2013/12/02/advent-resources/)

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| **Class** | **Lessons** | **Theme** | **Prayers to be sent home** |
| Junior Infants  *Grow in Love* | Theme 3 L3 The Good News, Jesus Is Born  Theme 3 L4 Visitors to the Stable  Prayer Service p.100 | Advent and Christmas | Prayer to the Guardian Angel |
| Senior Infants *Grow in Love* | Theme 3 L3 Jesus is Born  Theme 3 L4 Gifts for the Baby  Prayer Service p.111 | Advent and Christmas | Hail Mary |
| 1st Class *Grow in Love* | Theme 3 L2 Jesus is the Light  Theme 3 L3 The Waiting is Over  Prayer Service p.108 | Advent and Christmas | Hail Mary  Glory Be  Our Father |
| 2nd Class *Grow in Love* | Theme 3 L2 Messengers of God  Theme 3 L3 The Birth of Jesus  Prayer Service p.116 | Advent and Christmas | Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary  Response: Lord, graciously hear us |
| 3rd Class *Alive-O5* | T1 L10 John the Baptist Wonders - Who is the One who  is Coming?  T1 L11 Joseph Wonders - Who is the One who is Coming?  Advent Prayer Service p.133 | Advent and Christmas | Ár nAthair  ‘Sé do Bheatha a Mhuire |
| 4th Class  *Alive-O6* | T1 L12 Come to the Manger   * The Birth of Jesus is announced, Luke 1:26-31 * The Birth of Jesus, Luke 2:1, 3-7 * The Shepherds and the Angels, Luke 2:8-16 * Visitors from the East, Matthew 2:1-2, 7-12   Christmas Prayer Service p.149 | Christmas | Gloria:'*Glory to God in the highest...*'  Revise the 'S é do Bheatha a Mhuire |
| 5th Class  *Alive-O7* | T1 L12-14 Waiting in Joyful Hope   * Road to Holiness, Isaiah 35:1-10 * The Peaceful King Isaiah 11; 1-10 * God’s assurance to Israel Isaiah 41:10 * The Birth of Jesus is announced, Luke 1: 26-38 * Mary visits Elizabeth, Luke 1:39-45 * The Birth of Jesus, Luke 2:1-7 * The Shepherds and the Angels, Luke 2:8-20 * Visitors from the East, Matthew 2: 1-12 * Jesus is presented in the temple, Luke 2:22-38 | Advent and Christmas | We are listening!  We are watching!  We are waiting!  We are preparing a way for the One who will be called Son of God Most High!  Revise: 'S é do Bheatha a Mhuire |
| 6th Class  *Alive-O8* | T1 L13-16 Nativity Play   * The Story of Creation, Genesis 1:1–2:4 * God and Abraham, Genesis 12:1-9 * Abraham and Sarah, Genesis 17, 21:1-7 * The Call of Moses, Exodus 3:1-10, 17 * Moses and the Commandments, Exodus 20:1-17 * The Word of Life, John 1:1-2 * The Preaching of John the Baptist, Mark: 1:1-8 * Mary visits Elizabeth, Luke 1:39-45 * Jesus is presented in the temple, Luke 2:22-38 * The Birth of Jesus is announced, Luke 1: 26-38 * The Shepherds and the Angels, Luke 2:8-20 * Visitors from the East, Matthew: 2: 1-12 * The Birth of Jesus, Luke 2:1-7 | Advent and Christmas | Isaiah 9:2 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.'  Revise The Angelus and learn The Apostles' Creed |

**Prayer Space**

The colour of the liturgical season of Advent is purple. This month your prayer space may include an Advent Wreath and/or a small Nativity scene or crib. Senior classes may wish to explore the Jesse Tree.

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| **Calendar**  27th November First Sunday of Advent (purple candle on Advent Wreath)  4th December Second Sunday of Advent (second purple candle on wreath)  8th December Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)  11th December Third Sunday of Advent (pink candle on Advent Wreath)  18th December Fourth Sunday Advent (purple candle on wreath)  25th December Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ | 26th December Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr  30th December Feast of the Holy Family  **Upcoming…**  1st January Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  6th January Epiphany of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)  29th Jan – 5th Feb Catholic Schools Week |