

Advent Wreath Notes

- Attached is an outline for the lighting of the Advent Wreath for Year B. This outline is © Taken from *Pastoral Liturgy*, volume 51, issue 1. Used with permission.
- The prayers have been adapted to focus on the Plenary Council as we prepare for and anticipate the gatherings in 2021 and 2022.
- You may wish to use your Plenary Council Candle in the Wreath and light the other candles from it each Sunday.
- Alternatively, you could have the Plenary Council candle on the altar and light the wreath from it.

Prayers of the Faithful

- Below is a Prayer of the Faithful, focused on the Plenary Council that you may wish to include in your Parish prayers during Advent.

First Sunday of Advent

We pray for the Church of Australia as we continue the preparations for the Plenary Council, may we 'Listen to what the Spirit is asking of us' and like the clay in the potters hands be open to being formed by God's hand.

Pause: We pray to the Lord

Second Sunday of Advent

We pray that like a good shepherd we will strive to be a humble, healing, and merciful community as we immerse ourselves in the journey of the Plenary Council.

Pause: We pray to the Lord

Third Sunday of Advent

St Paul encourages us to be happy at all times and pray constantly. The Plenary Council calls us to be a joyful, hope-filled Servant Community.

We pray that the spirit of joy and hope fill our hearts and overflow to all we meet.

Pause: We pray to the Lord

Fourth Sunday of Advent

We pray for all families as they anticipate the joy of Christmas during these in challenging times. As we reflect on the future of the Church in Australia and immerse ourselves in the Plenary Council, let us remember Mary's yes to God and her trust that the Spirit of God would be with her during uncertain times.

Pause: We pray to the Lord

