



SECOND SUNDAY ADVENT

6TH DECEMBER, YEAR B, 2020

CELEBRATING
ADVENT
2020

Diocesan Pastoral Office
Catholic Diocese of Ballarat

PRAYER RESOURCES AND ADVENT ACTIVITIES

- **Advent Wreath Prayers and Prayers of the Faithful for Mass** (Plenary Council Advent Resources)
<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/prayer/>
- **7 Advent Activities for the Family**
<https://catholic-link.org/7-advent-resources-the-whole-family-will-love/>
- **Advent Scripture, Prayer and Reflection** (Diocese of Sandhurst, Vic). You are invited to dip into the Advent Scriptures, Pope Francis' latest encyclical *Fratelli Tutti (Brothers and Sisters All)* and a Plenary Council Theme to reflect, pray and discuss.
<https://tinyurl.com/Sandhurst-Advent>
- **2nd Sunday of Advent Scripture Commentary**
<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/edition/scripture-reflections-and-commentaries>
- **Virtual Advent Series- looking at the Advent Scriptures** week by week.
<https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/virtual-advent-series-recording/>. Short presentations by lecturers from Yarra Theological Union on the 1st and 2nd readings, responsorial psalm and Gospels.
- **Give a Gift that Gives Back this Christmas** – Catholic Missions have Life-Giving Gifts of animals, education, food & health which you can purchase to support vulnerable communities around the world
<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

You may use this prayer at home

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation:
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.

We praise you for the light of Israel:
the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,
who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light this tree.
May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.
May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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