

'Come Lord Jesus, Lord of Hope, Peace, Joy & Love'
BLESSING THE ADVENT WREATHS

This Prayer of Blessing is designed to be incorporated into a Parish weekday Mass during COVID restrictions. A small group of representatives from each class could bring their class/school Advent Wreath to be blessed and the rest of the school could participate via webcam. The blessing could take place after the gospel is proclaimed.



PRIEST:

This week we begin to celebrate the season of Advent. These four weeks help us to get ready to welcome Jesus, the Lord of hope, peace, joy and love, at Christmas. We are delighted that some of the children and teachers from our parish school; (name school) are joining us here this morning. The rest of the school are watching us in their classrooms on the webcam and we welcome them too. They have all been hard at work making Advent wreaths for their classroom/s and school Prayer Space. The wreaths with their four candles remind us that Jesus comes to bring light to the darkness, the light of God's love for each one of us. I now invite them to bring forward their wreaths.

The children bring up the wreaths and stand facing the congregation.

PRIEST:

God of love, bless these wreaths. As we light the candles each week may we be reminded of the peace, hope that Jesus brings into the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest sprinkles the wreaths with Holy Water.

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE:

The candle might be lit on the Advent Wreath in the church.



Advent is a time of waiting, waiting for the birth of Jesus, who brings hope, peace, joy and love into our world, into our homes and into our hearts. This week as we light the first candle on our Advent wreath, the candle of hope, we give thanks for the hope that the birth of Jesus, the Christ-child gives to our world.

On our journey through the season of Advent we will light our candles of peace, joy and love as we wait for the amazing gift that God gives us as Christmas, the gift of Jesus, the light of the world.

We pray that the boys and girls who have joined us here in the church and via webcam and all the staff in our school/s will know the hope, peace, joy and love of Jesus as they prepare to welcome him at Christmas.

Together we will give glory to God as we pray:
Glory be to the Father.....

Children return to their seats and Mass continues.