

# SAINT LUCY

# DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>

Saint Lucy was from Syracuse, a city on the east coast of Sicily. She lived about 300 years after Jesus died, when Christianity was still a very new religion. It was difficult for Lucy to practise her faith because those who did so openly were often killed. We do not know much about her except that she was a courageous young woman who was proud of her Christian faith, despite the dangers.

Lucy's name means 'light'. Today, we honour Saint Lucy as a light of the Church. For more than a thousand years, people have prayed to Lucy and tried to follow her example. Jesus said; 'You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others.' (Matthew 5:14,16).

St Lucy's Day is still celebrated in many parts of Europe. In Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Norway, it is the job of the eldest daughter to act as Lucy. She walks in procession with a crown of candles on her head, reminding us that St Lucy always kept the light of Christ alive. You can read more about how St Lucy's Day is celebrated at [www.schooloftheseasons.com/lucy.html](http://www.schooloftheseasons.com/lucy.html)

### What is St Lucy the patron saint of? Break the code to find out!

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