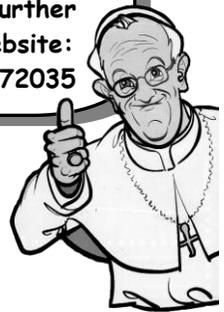


# Advent Calendar 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3 Light the 1st purple candle</p> 	<p>4 Begin Advent by praying for all children in the world</p> 	<p>5 Give someone a helping hand today</p> 	<p>6 Pray for the homeless &amp; poor and thank God for all you have</p> 	<p>7 Pray for all babies born this Advent</p> 	<p>8 Ask teacher if you can decorate the classroom for Christmas</p> 	<p>9 <b>be kind</b></p> 
<p>10 Light the 1st &amp; 2nd purple candles</p> 	<p>11 Prepare the crib in your school for Baby Jesus</p> 	<p>12 Make your Christmas cards today</p> 	<p>13 Pray for people who struggle with pain every day</p> 	<p>14 Give your unbroken old toys to charity</p> 	<p>15 Join in the fun to raise some funds for Missionary Children today! Have a Christmas Jumper Party</p> 	<p>16 Make some 'Thank You' cards to give to people who give you presents this Christmas</p> 
<p>17 Light 1 pink &amp; 2 purple candles</p> 	<p>18 Write a Christmas letter to the person who sits beside you in class</p> 	<p>19 Pray for all the good people who take care of children in the world!</p> 	<p>20 Say bless you when someone sneezes!</p> 	<p>21 Ask your teacher to sing a Christmas Carol for the class</p> 	<p>22 Thank your teacher for 2023</p> 	<p>23 <b>HELP TO CLEAN THE HOUSE</b></p> 
<p>24 Light 1 pink &amp; 3 purple candles</p> 	<p>25 <b>Today is Christmas Day! WELCOME BABY JESUS!</b> Don't forget to light all the candles today on your advent wreath - three purple, one pink and one white candle</p> 		<p>The Society of Missionary Children is the Pope's official children's charity for overseas mission. It encourages children to pray together and share whatever they can, no matter how little. Further information is available on our website: <a href="http://www.missio.ie">www.missio.ie</a> or by calling 01 4972035</p> 			

Advent is the time of year when we wait for the birth of Jesus Christ. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December this year, and ends on Christmas Eve, 24th December. For most Christians, the season is one of anticipation and hope. During Advent, remember to be kind, to share with others and to pray for children around the world!