

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



**Subject: RE**

**Topic: From Advent to Christmas**

**Year: 3**

**Autumn 2**

## What should I already know?

- That Mark is one of the Gospel writers
- We are focusing on Mark's Gospel because we are in the Year B
- Know that Mark's Gospel is in the New Testament
- Advent is a time of waiting and preparation in the lead up to the birth of Jesus at Christmas
- Can name several of the symbols and words we associate with Advent
- Jesus is God in human form

## What am I going to learn?

- The Lectio Divina is a divine or sacred reading (prayer.)
- The four parts to the Lectio Divina: Lectio, Meditatio, Contemplatio and Oratio.
- Advent is a time of waiting. We prepare for Jesus' birth.
- Advent also marks the start of the new liturgical year, and it always begins on Advent Sunday, which is the fourth Sunday before Christmas day.
- Four candles are placed around a wreath during Advent, and a new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas.
- The last candle is lit on Christmas Day. This is the white candle.
- The four candles represent Hope, Love, Joy and Peace.
- Other countries have different traditions when they celebrate Advent.

## Vocabulary

**Advent:** Advent means 'coming' in Latin. Advent is a season of the liturgical year observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas.

**Author:** A writer of a book, article, or document.

**Christmas:** Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ.

**Community:** A particular area where a group of people live.

**Gospel:** The teaching of Christ's life in four books.

**Incarnation:** 'Embodied in flesh or taking on flesh.' Jesus as God in human form.

**Lectio Divina:** An ancient method of praying with sacred texts (scripture.) This involves spending time, listening deeply and intently to what God might have to say to you through the text.

**Messiah:** The leader or the saviour of a group of people.

**Saviour:** A person who saves someone or something from danger or difficulty.

