

MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 2025
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The feast had its origin in the East as the 'Conception of Mary by Saint Anne'. It spread through the West during the Middle Ages as the 'Immaculate Conception' and was extended to the entire Western Church in the eighteenth century. The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception; she is the first fruit of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what the Church is called to be.

ENTRANCE VERSE: I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.

First Reading: ***Genesis 3:9-15, 20***

PSALM RESPONSE Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women. Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Luke 1:26-38***

COMMUNION VERSE: Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2025
TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT

ENTRANCE VERSE: Behold the Lord will come, and his holy ones with him; and on that day there will be a great light.

First Reading: ***Isaiah 40: 1-11***

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord our God comes in strength

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The day of the Lord is near: he comes to save us. Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Matthew 18:12-14***

COMMUNION VERSE: The judge will bestow a crown of righteousness on those who await him eagerly

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2025
WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT

ENTRANCE VERSE

The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is hidden in darkness and reveal himself to all the nations

First Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31

PSALM RESPONSE:

O Bless the Lord my soul

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord is coming to save his people:

Happy are those prepared to meet him

Alleluia!

The Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30

COMMUNION VERSE:

Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2025
THURSDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT

ENTRANCE VERSE

You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth. From of old
I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.

First Reading: ***Isaiah 41: 13-20***

PSALM RESPONSE:

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, rich in compassion

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the clouds rain down the Just One,
and the earth bring forth a Saviour.

Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Matthew 11:11-15***

COMMUNION VERSE:

Let us live justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the
blessed hope and the coming of the glory of our great God.

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FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2025
FRIDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT

ENTRANCE VERSE: Behold, the Lord will come descending with splendour to visit his people with peace, and he will bestow on them eternal life.

First Reading: *Isaiah 48:17-19*

PSALM RESPONSE: Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord will come, go out to meet him! He is the prince of peace. Alleluia!

The Gospel: *Matthew 11: 16-19*

COMMUNION VERSE: We await a saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mortal bodies, to conform with his glorious body.

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER 2025
SAINT LUCY

ENTRANCE VERSE: Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.

First Reading: *Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11*

PSALM RESPONSE: Lord make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

The Gospel: *Matthew 17: 10-13*

COMMUNION VERSE: The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life