

Colouring In



Colour the picture of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Then, beginning December 1st, colour one star each day until Christmas.

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Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

.....
to Mass today.

Be Prepared

1st Sunday of Advent. Year A.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent means "the coming of something important"... But what's coming? Christmas, of course! Have you seen any signs yet that Christmas is on its way? If you haven't so far, you will soon. Advent is a time when the shops are full of decorations and presents to buy, and when we hear Christmas songs on the radio and TV. It is also the time of carol concerts, meeting Father Christmas, and eating delicious food in celebration. And why do we do all of this? To celebrate the birth of Jesus, of course!

Today, there are plenty of signs that Christmas is coming, but 2000 years ago when Jesus was born, there were no big signs to announce that it was going to happen. There were no adverts on the radio or TV saying "Coming soon! A Savior will be born in a stable near you!" In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that he will be coming *again*, and that no one knows when that day will be either. He said, "No one knows the day or the hour, not even the angels in heaven. Only the Father knows."

Wow! If we don't know when it is going to happen, what should we do? That is a question the disciples asked of Jesus, and he told them "Be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

So what should we do to make sure we are ready for Jesus when he returns? We should be doing the things that Jesus wants us to be doing -- loving God and loving one another, caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor. If we are doing those things, we will be ready!

Word Search

Today's Word Search is based on Matthew 24: 36-44.

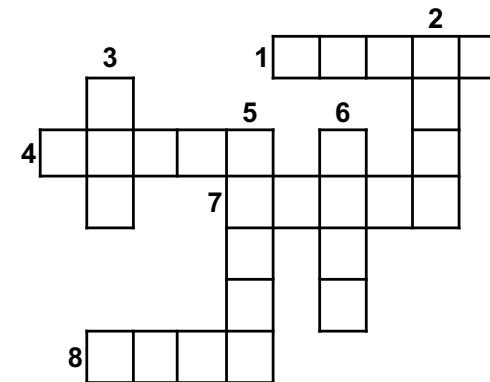
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HOUSE	WATCH	TIME
THIEF	OWNER	READY
COME	NIGHT	DAY

Christmas!
*Celebrating the birth of Jesus,
and waiting for his return...*



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- The time of day when it is dark
- To keep an eye on; to guard
- The person who has something such as property
- A particular moment in the day, such as eight o'clock

DOWN

- A period of sixty minutes
- A period of 24 hours
- The place where a person or family lives
- To have information about something; to be aware of something

Time	Owner	Watch	Hour
Know	House	Day	Night

Children's Prayer

Dear Jesus, we look forward to your return.
We don't know if you are "Coming Soon," but if you are, we pray that we will be ready when you come. Amen.

