

A Day by Day Spiritual Journey Through Advent
With Deacon Chris

Thursday of the Second Week of Advent

Light a candle and make sure it is safe and don't leave unattended.

Don't Forget to Say Thank You.

Do you like being taken for granted? I think the answer is 'No.' Rightly so, because none of us should be taken for granted and neither should we take anybody for granted. Good manners are an absolute delight, especially please and thank you. Our Lord liked to be thanked. Remember the ten lepers who were cured and only one came back to say 'thanks.' Our Lord still likes to be thanked.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Heavenly Father, as the response to our psalm says; you are kind and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in mercy. Forgive us the sins we commit through human frailty and strengthen each day as we go on our pilgrim way. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Gospel

Matthew chapter 11 verses 11 to 15

John the Baptist plays a prominent part in the readings of Advent. Today we hear our Lord put John at the pinnacle of all prophets. There is none greater than he. But where is John? He is in prison. His preaching has riled Herod who wants him where he can do little harm, or so he thinks. Damage limitation is what we call it today.

People refer to Elijah and John the Baptist in the same breath. John would eventually give his life in the service of the Lord, who, in his turn, will give his life in the service of us.

Do we give our life in the service of the Lord?

Your Own Time.

Rosary. Let us offer this decade for all the people who are called or feel called to work on the missions. May they recognise the call that God makes on them.

Concluding Prayer

Lord, you call each one of us to give ourselves for you. Help us to work towards fulfilling that call. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.