

## IDEAS TO CONSIDER FOR ADVENT IN YOUR CHURCH

### What will people see in your church?

**Purple** cloths, purple vestments, is there any way we can show this season OUTSIDE our church so as to draw people in?

**Advent Wreath** – how can we position this so it is clearly seen by those at home?

Can we invite people to make one at home?

Will your blessing also mention theirs?

Have you a prayer they can say when lighting the candles?

**A Jesse Tree** – myjessetree.com

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=545>

[A new symbol can be placed on the tree every day of Advent]

### “Come Lord Jesus” prayers:

How we can invite more active participation from and interaction with those watching and praying with us online?

Advent is a time when we look to God for light, healing and hope.

One possible suggestion is to invite people to express their family needs in prayers (like during a novena) written in a way that invites the Lord to be with us in our need, finishing with the

invocation/response: ***In our need we pray: Come Lord Jesus.***

These can be written anonymously at home and placed in a secure box at the back of the church. During the Sunday Eucharist, at the Prayer of the Faithful, they can be referred to, or carried forward, placed at the foot of the altar. Perhaps some of them could be (sensitively) read out?

**After 17<sup>th</sup> December:** where shall we put **the Crib** so that it's visible online but at the same time doesn't block the altar?

Remember it will remain there until February 2<sup>nd</sup>.