DERRY DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CENTRE

Resources for Parishes & Families for Advent

Catechetical Centre Resources: www.catecheticalcentre.org

RESOURCES FOR Families: www.catecheticalcentre.org/category/family-resources

- Scared Space- The Advent Wreath
- Praying daily during Advent
- The Jesse Tree
- Preparing Your Heart for Christmas-Saying Sorry
- Preparing at home for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confession
- Advent Claendar Bible Search
- Journeying with the Wise Men
- The Empty Crib
- Youth Resources

RESOURCES FOR Sacramental Preparation:

www.catecheticalcentre.org/category/sacramental-preparation

Sacramental Talks Format

This year, mindful of the current restrictions, the Catechetical Centre Team are available to provide Sacramental Talks evenings for families via the webcam at Cathedral Hall or from your own parish webcam. The evening would consist of a time of prayer and reflection, a talk using our new books ***'Friends of Jesus'*** for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion' and ***'Disciples of Jesus'*** for the sacrament of Confirmation and some preprepared activities for the children to enjoy. Books could be distributed through the schools/parish prior to the evening.

We are happy to engage with parishes to discuss what best suits your needs. To book a talk or for further information please contact the Catechetical Centre, amhickey@derrydiocese.org or telephone 02871264087

RESOURCES FOR Youth: www.catecheticalcentre.org/category/youth-resources

- Online programme for Pope John Paul II Award participants, continues for the Month of December. The themes will include a take over from Marys' Meals and Advent. Online programme can be accessed through @derryyouth social media pages on Facebook and Instagram
- The youth from the Derry Youth Scholarship will give a short Advent reflection live on Instagram for the 4 weeks of Advent on Wednesday at 6:30pm
- There will be a virtual youth Nativity Live on @derryyouth Facebook page on Monday the 21st of December at 8pm.
- The Alpha course is continuing during the month of December.

Other useful resources:

Northern Pastoral Network has created a number of resources for parishes and families to use in the church and at home:
Website: www.northernpastoral.network
Facebook: www.facebook.com/northernpastoralnetwork/