

December 2022

- *Advent - the beginning of the Church Year:* see notes sent separately.



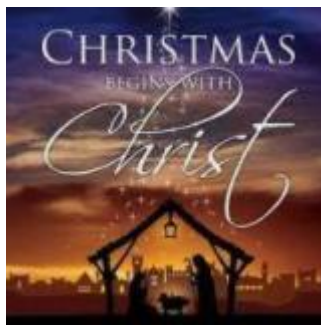
- Grow in Love J Inf p 70, S Inf p.85, 1st Class p.89, 2nd Class p.95, 3rd Class p.137, 4th Class p. 137, 5th Class p. 139, 6th Class p. 171
- *Liturgical Calendar:* *Grow in Love 3rd Class p.128 and notes sent separately.

- *The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary:* The Annunciation, the Visitation:
- Grow in Love: Sen. Infs. P. 120, 1st Class p.275, 2nd Class p. 275 3rd Class p. 125



- **8th December - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **See separate lesson notes**

- **12th December - Our Lady of Guadalupe**



- Grow in Love 4th Class p.343
- **13th December – St. Lucy**
- Grow in Love 4th Class p. 150
- **25th December Christmas Day---Birth of Jesus**
*Grow in Love J Inf p 90, S Inf p.100, 1st Class p.103, 2nd Class p.111, 3rd Class p.144, 5th Class p. 156, 6th Class p.185

- **26th December - St Stephen**
- **27th December St John, Apostle and Evangelist**
- **30th December - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
 - *Grow in Love Jun. Inf p.105, Sen. Inf p.117*



- **Prayers** e.g. Blessing of Advent wreath and candles, Prayer for Families

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: DECEMBER 8th

- The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. In normal times, we should make every effort to attend Mass on this day.



- On this day, we celebrate our belief that Mary, the Mother of God, was free from sin from the very beginning of her life.
- Her father was St. Joachim and her mother was St. Anne. This means they are Jesus' grandparents.
- God chose Mary to be Mother of his Son.
- We can pray to her as our Mother too.
- When the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was going to be the Mother of God, she immediately rushed across the countryside to tell her cousin, Elizabeth, the good news.
- Elizabeth and Zachariah were also expecting their own baby, John the Baptist.

Titles for Mary

Many titles have been bestowed on Mary. These include

Queen of Heaven, Mother of God, Health of the Sick, Queen of Peace, Queen of the Rosary, Our Lady of Knock, Mary, most pure, Queen of Ireland, Mother of Mercy, Help of Christians.

Prayer:

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to you.

Exercise:

Can you make a **word search** to include some of the above titles for Our Blessed Mother. Add in one or two of your own and ask your class colleague to solve it.

