



Vox Populi

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This Sunday, 1st December, marks many beginnings.

Not only is it the first day of the month, it's the first day of the new liturgical year, but most importantly, it's the first Sunday of Advent.

Advent is the season in which the Church turns its attention to the coming of Christ.

In a similar manner to the Season of Lent, Advent serves as the season of waiting and preparation for the Nativity of the Lord.

Over the next four Sundays, the Gospel readings will point to the coming of Christ, and we are encouraged to turn our attention to Christ's birth through prayer and reflection.

“As we embark together on this holy Season of Advent – a time of preparation, anticipation, and hope at the coming birth of the child Jesus – we are reminded of the immense joy that awaits us,” said Bishop Anthony.

“This season of the Church offers us space to pray, to listen to and dialogue with God, who loved us so much that He sent His only Son into the world so that we might come to know Him and the depth of His love for us.”

To help people prepare for the Birth of Our Lord, the Diocese of Broken Bay has developed a booklet called “A Journey of Hope” for parish groups and families to guide them through the season.

The booklet features Gospel readings, prayers, reflections and personal stories, to encourage people to enter more deeply into prayer and reflection.

The booklet is available in your parishes. An online version can be found at bbcatholic.org.au/mission/advent-2024