



Prayers for
the week –
Be prepared



Monday 6th December

Loving Father,

Help us to remember that Jesus came into our world so that we might become like him: loving, king and full of the presence of God. As we begin this second week of the season of Advent, help us to strip away everything that stands in our way.

St Joseph – Pray for us



Tuesday 7th December

Lord

Help us to remember that we have responsibilities as people of God. We are called to live in a good way and to be kind, loving, caring people. It's not always easy, and we need your help. Give us the grace and the strength to always do the right thing. As a community let us be supportive of the food appeal.

St Joseph – Pray for us

Wednesday 8th December

Lord

Let this truly be a season of preparation. We wait for the birth of a child whose message will change the entire world. Let our words, actions and thoughts reflect the message that we know it will bring.

St Joseph – Pray for us



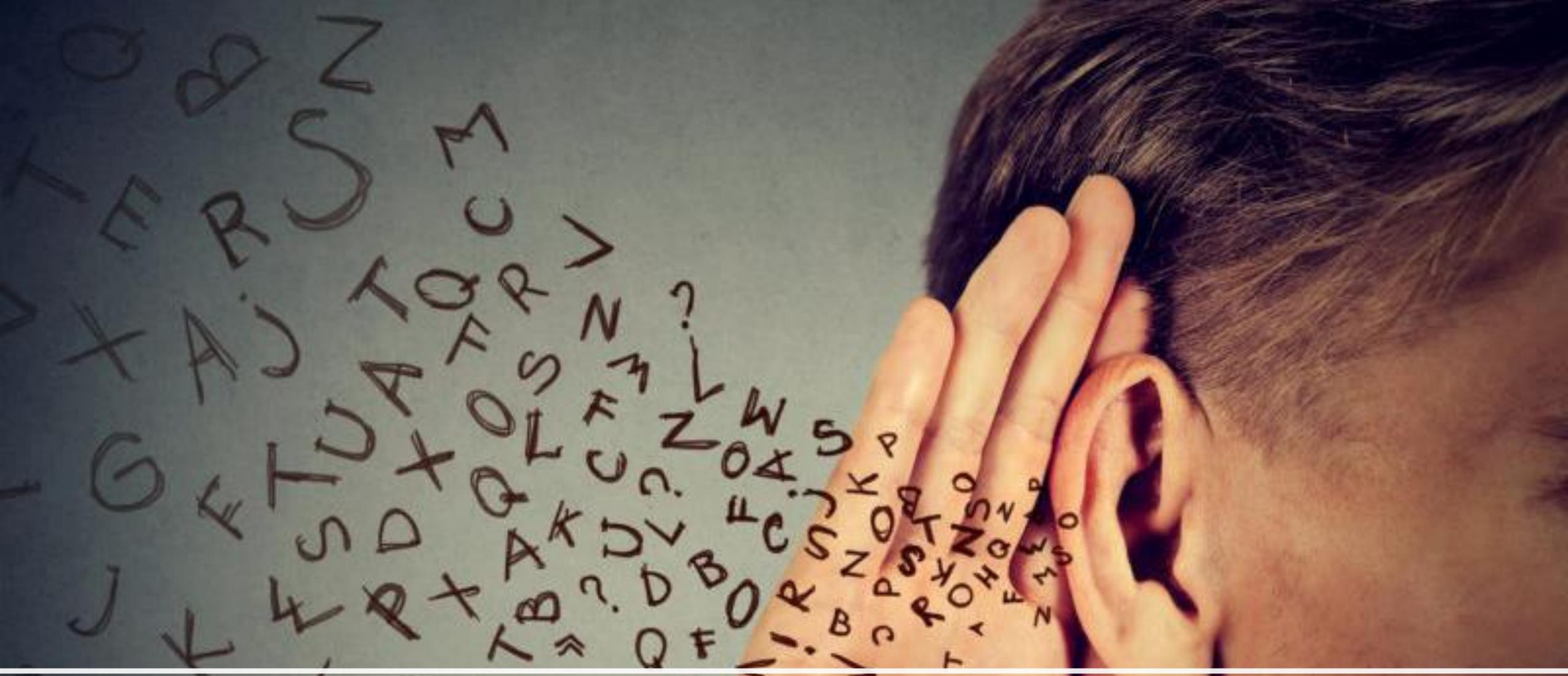


OUR FATHER

Thursday 9th December

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

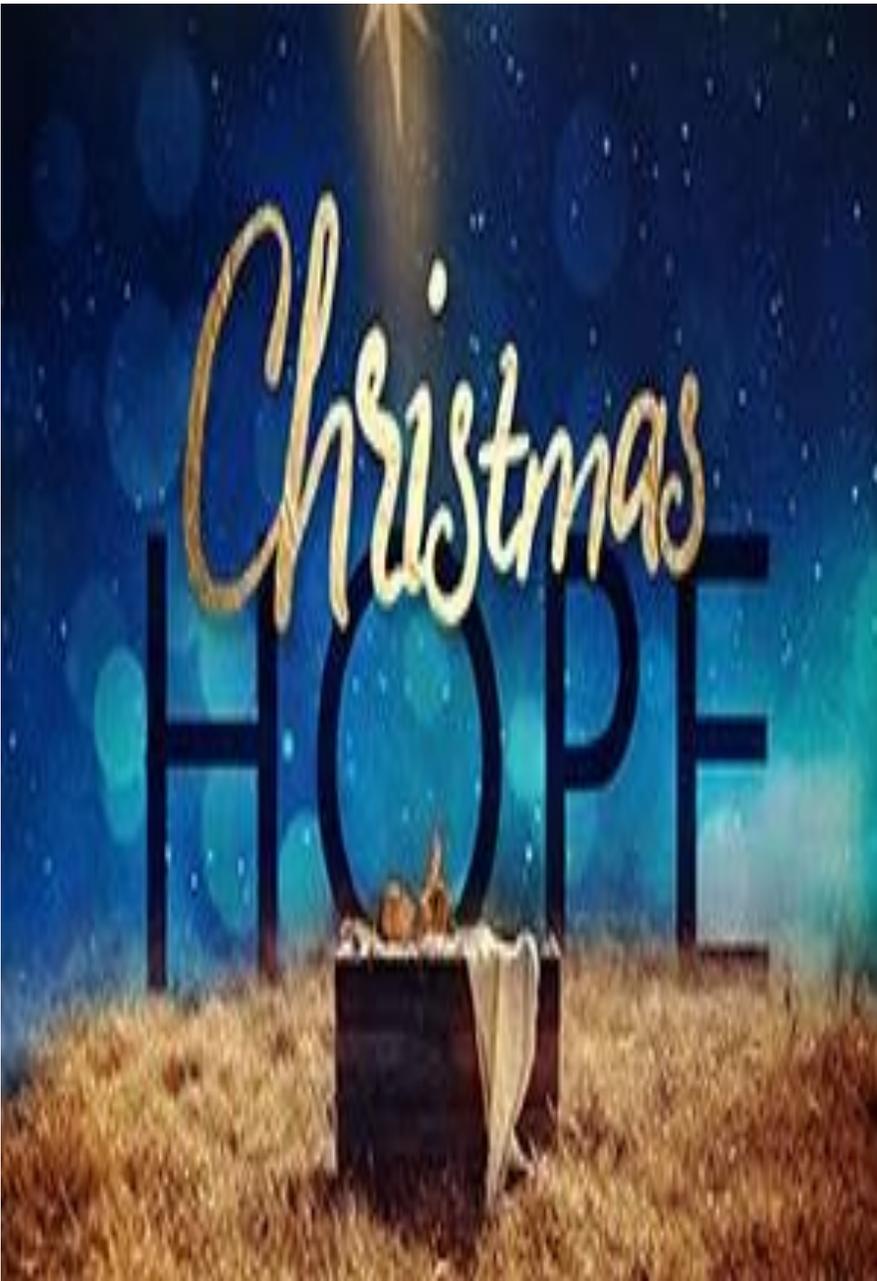


Friday message



THE GOSPEL OF
MARK

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at daybreak, or in the morning lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Watch.”



There is nothing worse than when we are talking to somebody and we suddenly realise that they're not paying attention to us. It makes us feel deflated and unimportant. It makes us feel as though we're not that important to the other person. The idea of watching and being ready is associated with Advent because it is a time when we prepare for the coming of Christ.

We remember the time when Mary and Joseph were expecting the birth of the Baby Jesus, and we also remember the fact that we are waiting for Christ to one day return to us. We are asked to stay awake as we do not know the hour that Christ will return.

This doesn't mean that we can't sleep or relax. Rather, what it means is that we need to be ready by making sure that we are living good lives and being the best people that we possibly can be.

Final thought...



Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see. – the Polar Express