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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>30 November</b> <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> <b>John 1:9</b> Start Advent by lighting an Advent candle. How can you share God's light in these days of preparation?	<b>1 December</b> Help us to keep our heads clear, and not be greedy or want material goods. But desire the undecaying gifts that only Christ can freely give.	<b>2 December</b> <b>John 6:35</b> Pray the Lord's Prayer today and really think about the words.	<b>3 December</b> As the wisemen brought gifts to the infant, may we see the uncountable gifts that he has given us.	<b>4 December</b> <b>Isaiah 40:11</b> Be compassionate to someone in need today. Care the way a shepherd cares for the sheep.	<b>5 December</b> <b>Revelation 22:16</b> How can this Advent season see you shine to your full potential?	<b>6 December</b> We pray for the elderly, especially those who are lonely, let them know your peace, which passes all understanding, so they can look forward to Christmas.
						
<b>7 December</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>John 1:1</b> Spend a few minutes reading the Bible today	<b>8 December</b> Merciful God. You loose the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Give us the will to share our bread to the hungry and shelter to the homeless.	<b>9 December</b> <b>Isaiah 26:4</b> Think about how strong your faith in God is. Be more trusting!	<b>10 December</b> The wise men went seeking Jesus. Many still do. May we be their guide or signpost along the way.	<b>11 December</b> <b>Isaiah 12:6</b> Give everyone a joyful smile today. Remember that they are made in God's image.	<b>12 December</b> Let us remember that Christmas is not only for children, but Christ came for all mankind.	<b>13 December</b> <b>Isaiah 63:16</b> Be thankful for the people who are always ready to forgive you.
						
<b>14 December</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>John 14:6</b> Walk God's way, speak with God's truth and live your God-given life to the full!	<b>15 December</b> <b>John 1:29</b> Advent calls us to be ready. Is there anything you need to say sorry for as you prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth?	<b>16 December</b> In this season of Advent, let us make time in the busyness to see the true meanings.	<b>17 December</b> <b>Isaiah 25:9</b> Pray that you will be filled with hope and think about anyone or anything that feels hopeless.	<b>18 December</b> For the lonely at Christmas, and those feeling lost and unable to cope with life. May God take them into his loving arms and help them feel loved.	<b>19 December</b> <b>Revelation 1:18</b> Pray at the start of the day that you will be filled with peace and happiness. Then pray at the end of the day and think about how you got on!	<b>20 December</b> <b>John 11:25</b> Advent prepares us to welcome the Lord of life. Show that you appreciate life by your attitude today.
						
<b>21 December</b> <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Isaiah 9:7</b> Think about any weakness that you have in life. Let the powerful God give you strength and courage!	<b>22 December</b> <b>Luke 2:10-12</b> Are you now ready to welcome the Saviour? Live with the real wonder of the first Christmas!	<b>23 December</b> Dear Lord, let us keep in mind the true meaning of Christmas, and encourage ourselves and others to live in the way you have taught us. Help us to love all our neighbours. Amen.	<b>24 December</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>St Mary's Christmas Services - 2014</b> <b>Sunday 21st December – ADVENT 4</b> 10.30am Holy Communion 4.00pm Carol Service by Candlelight		
				<b>Wednesday 24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 3.00pm Christingle (aimed at younger children) 5.00pm Christingle (aimed at older children) 11.30pm First Communion of Christmas <b>Thursday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 10.30am Holy Communion (all-age)		