

## ADVENT: LOVE CAME DOWN

What does "love came down" mean?

### SUNDAY MASS READINGS 15/12/19 [read them here](#)

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10. **God himself is coming to save you**

Psalms 145. **Come, Lord and save us**

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10. **Do not lose heart; the Lord's coming will be soon**

Matthew 11:2-11. **'Greater than John the Baptist has never been seen'**

**READ: Matthew 11:2-11:** "John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'"

Follow the links below for twinklly Advent Worship  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXKVH19Zpok>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jM5Op3-79Z4>  
[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLTnuUe-aRkQ5z8k-3Eq6bTXn9w5dlm\\_DE](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLTnuUe-aRkQ5z8k-3Eq6bTXn9w5dlm_DE)

### REFLECT:

***"Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?"***

Do we question Jesus like John the Baptist does here? Imprisoned in Herod's dungeon, he wondered, am I a fool? Is this all there is?  
Was I wrong about Jesus?  
What do we expect from Jesus?

***"Go back and tell what you hear and see"***

What do we see and hear?  
Do we see the signs of God's kingdom breaking through in the world around us?  
Do we see love around us?  
What does it look like?

***"Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me"***

How do we keep faith in Jesus today where the world seems so dark and full of hatred?  
How do we be the happy ones who bring light and love to those places?  
How might we prove to people this Christmas time that love really did come down and dwell among us in our darkness?

*Love*  
CAME DOWN

**Advent Prayers Tuesday and Thursday at 8.25am in the Chapel.  
Mass will be celebrated for the whole school on Friday morning at 10am by Fr. Alf.**