



Come & See Year 5 – Mission & Evangelisation

LECTIO DIVINA 2009

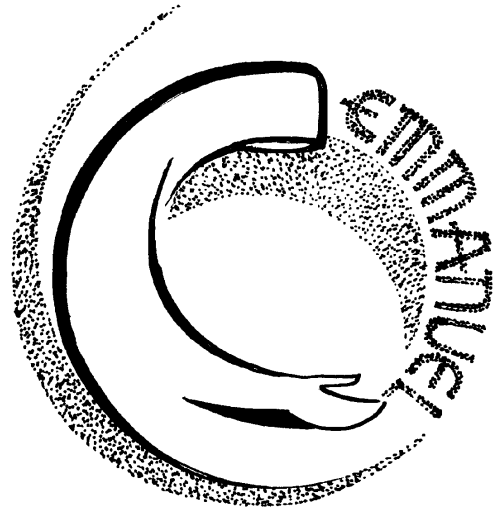
ADVENT WEEK 1

1. Opening Prayer

***In the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen***

***Come Holy Spirit, open our hearts
and minds to receive the word of God.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen***

Prayer from the Mass for the First Sunday of
Advent:



Let us pray that we may take Christ's coming seriously: All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

2. Reading the text: *Ask someone to read the gospel. Allow time for silent reflection, then ask another person to read the same gospel (preferably a male if the first reader was female or vice versa).*

A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.”

“Watch yourselves, or your heart will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face the earth. Stay awake praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

3. Reflecting on the text

- Ponder the words and phrases in silence
- What kind of text is this? (parable, miracle, encounter, healing, teaching etc.)
- Look at the people and events in the story
- Speak out any words or phrases that strike you (without having to say why)

3. Participation: Moving from in that time (*in illo tempore*) to in this time (*in hoc tempore*). Sharing any thoughts on:

- *What is the Lord saying to me through the text?*
- *What is the Lord saying in relation to issues in the Church, in the world, and in my life?*
- *Does the text inspire, console, question, direct?*

5. Finish the sentence: *In this passage God is...*

6. Praying out of the text: *Lord, in the light of this text...*

7. Conclude by praying the *Our Father*

