

## **Advent in Art 2010**

Advent is the four-Sunday period before Christmas Day. It marks the start of the Christian Year and is traditionally used by the Church worldwide to reflect on the coming of Christ. Advent – ‘to reach for’, ‘to come’ – has to do with waiting and hopeful expectation. Advent is the time Christians look forward - to celebrating the birth of Christ and also, ultimately, to the return of Christ. This year the first Sunday is November 28.

We encourage you to find four candles and to light one as often as you can the first week. In week two light two candles, and so on.

All of the images are by Australian artist Jan Hynes, set in contemporary scenes around her home city of Townsville. We are very grateful to Jan for allowing us to use her works.

You can read the full story of Christmas in the Bible in the books of Matthew and Luke in chapters 1 and 2.

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