

Evergreen, circle symbolising God's love, everlasting, no beginning, no end

Red berries – Jesus' blood, holly – crown of thorns, Fruits – new life and resurrection

Purple the colour of penance –, Pink for joy, Gaudete

Candles lit one at a time – gradually increasing the light, dispelling darkness, welcoming light

- The **1st Sunday of Advent** symbolises Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming. Purple candle.
- The **2nd Sunday of Advent** symbolises Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey. Purple candle.
- The **3rd Sunday of Advent** is Gaudate Sunday and symbolises Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at birth of Jesus. Pink candle.
- The **4th Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." Purple candle.