



A Journey through Advent

Week 1: Friday

And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you."
Matthew 9:27-29



Today, the children of St Nicholas' Primary School will have Mass streamed from the church to celebrate their saint's feast day.

St Nicholas was born in the third century. His parents died when he was young and, wishing to follow Jesus, he gave his entire inheritance to the poor. He later became the bishop of Myra in Turkey.

He was known for helping those in need and his people believed in him and trusted him. A popular story tells that he secretly dropped gold coins through a window into children's shoes to help a needy family provide dowries for their daughters. He was a humble man and did not want to be seen.

Like Jesus healing the blind men, Nicholas helped the poor out of love and not because he wanted to draw attention to himself. Saint Nicholas answered the call to be a servant of God and of God's people. He was ready to love his neighbour.



Music to listen to...

The Cry of the Poor

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_Q0FjuAUZY

Here I am, Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcXOkht8w7c>

A Mindful Moment...

Spend a minute thinking about the last time someone helped you.

How did you feel?

A Thought to Carry Through the Day...

People were created to be loved.
Things were created to be used.
The reason why the world is in chaos is because things are being loved and people are being used.

Dalai Lama