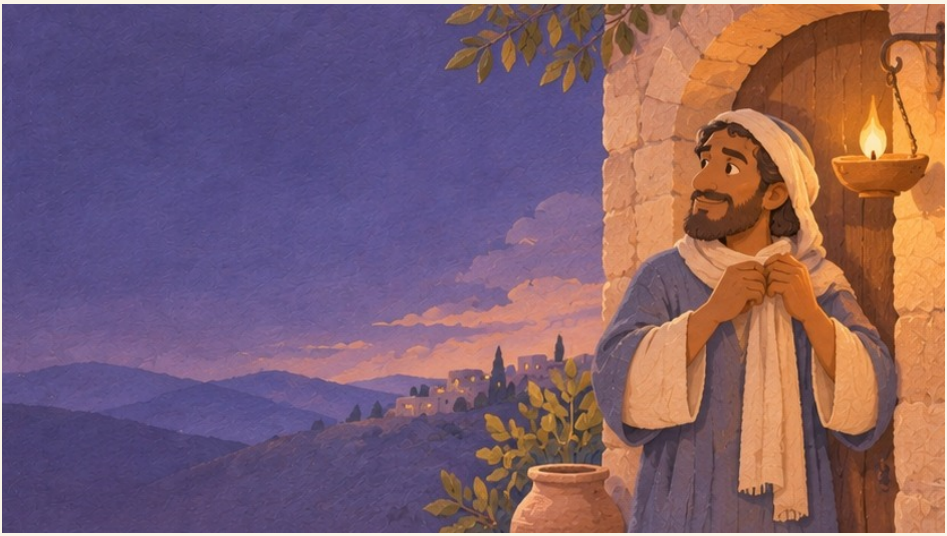
SUNDAY GOSPEL STORIES

When the Door Opens

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sunday 29 November 2026

Mark 13:33-37

A FAMILY BOOKLET

READ TOGETHER

The Gospel story



Jesus told his friends about a man who was going away. Before he left, he put his servants in charge of the house. Each person had a job to do. He gave the doorkeeper a special task: to watch for his return.

When would the man come home? He might arrive in the evening or in the middle of the night. It could be when the rooster crowed or when morning had already come. The doorkeeper needed to be ready, because the man might arrive all of a sudden.

Jesus asked everyone who heard him to keep watch. In Advent we get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth, and we remember that he will come again. We can get ready while we do ordinary things, by praying and paying attention to the people around us.

An original retelling of Mark 13:33-37

REMEMBER THE GOSPEL

Draw or write

How can you be ready for Jesus?

Draw a doorway with a light beside it. Inside the doorway, draw or write one way you can welcome Jesus this week.

ADVENT WREATH

Colour candle 1 purple and colour its flame.



AT HOME

Talk and pray

SAY TOGETHER

Jesus, help us pay attention while we wait for you. Make our home a place where people feel welcome. Amen.



WONDER TOGETHER

Why did the doorkeeper need to be ready even when the path looked empty?

TRY ONE THING

Choose something that needs doing at home. Do it for someone before they have to ask.

Liturgy Office calendar

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