



Vox Populi

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This Sunday, November 30, marks the beginning of the new liturgical year and the beginning of the Season of Advent.

The Season of Advent calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ and to discover anew the wonder of God's love made flesh amongst us.

Advent is an invitation to enter into the Mystery of the Incarnation, of God dwelling among us. Just as we share in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, we also renew our ardent desire for His second coming.

Through this season, the Church makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah.

From ancient times, God prepared the way for Christ's coming. Rituals, sacrifices, figures, symbols and prophets of the "Old Covenant" all pointed to the "New Covenant" which was to come.

We can often overlook this time of preparation as we are drawn into the busyness of life leading up to Christmas, with parties and celebrations.

The Diocese of Broken Bay's Advent Reflection Booklet: History, Mystery and Majesty, is a helpful way for us to take time to remember the Season we are entering into and allow us time in prayer and reflection, meditating on the Gospels as we prepare for the Birth of Christ.

May this Advent Season be a time of renewal and preparation as we await the glory of Christmas.