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IDEAS AND DATES FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER

1 November- All Saints Day

Have a look at our Vincentian Family, **click here**. Which Saint is the Holy Spirit drawing you to? Perhaps you could pray the **Litany of the Vincentian Family** and invite your friends to join in with you. p.s. how cool is it that we have our own Vincentian Wiki!



2 November- All Souls Day

Many communities around the world honour this day by praying for their departed love ones, visiting the cemetery, going to Mass and preparing traditional foods *(Soul Cakes, England, or Pan de Muerto, Mexico, Ossi dei Morti, Italy)*. Perhaps you could volunteer to clean/tidy up your local graveyard or prepare some traditional goodies to serve to your wider community?

15 November- World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis in 2016 established this day '*so that throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need*.' Listen to how the SVP is responding to poverty and reflect on what you can do, **click here**.

23 November - Reverse Advent Calendar

Starting on the day after the Feast of Christ the King, every day you could donate an item to a hamper as a group. At the end of the 24 days, share it with a local charity or family in need for Christmas. **Click here** to get your copy.

DECEMBER

7 December - Feast Day of St Ambrose

Be a changemaker this Advent season! Use your voice for change and send a Christmas card to those who have the power to make a difference. **Click here** to get involved and watch the **video reflection**.

13th December- Gaudete Sunday

The Advent story itself is made up of many stories. There is Mary's story of courage, Joseph's story of trust, the shepherds' story of wonder, the wise men's story of seeking, and countless others whose lives were changed by the coming of Jesus. The Vincentian (SVP) family is made up of many stories too. Across different countries, centuries and walks of life, people have responded to God's call in unique ways. Their stories are all different, but each reflects the same light of Christ. As we light each Advent candle, we remember one Vincentian story and consider how our own story can help bring God's light into the world. **Click here**

19th December- Christmas Wreath Making Day

Get into the festive season by making your own recycled wreath with a Vincentian twist. **Click here** for a step by step guide.

Donate the Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you for all your donations and prayers this Advent season! Now it's time to donate the goodies, to those who most need it in your community. Perhaps the local food bank, SVP group, school or parish.