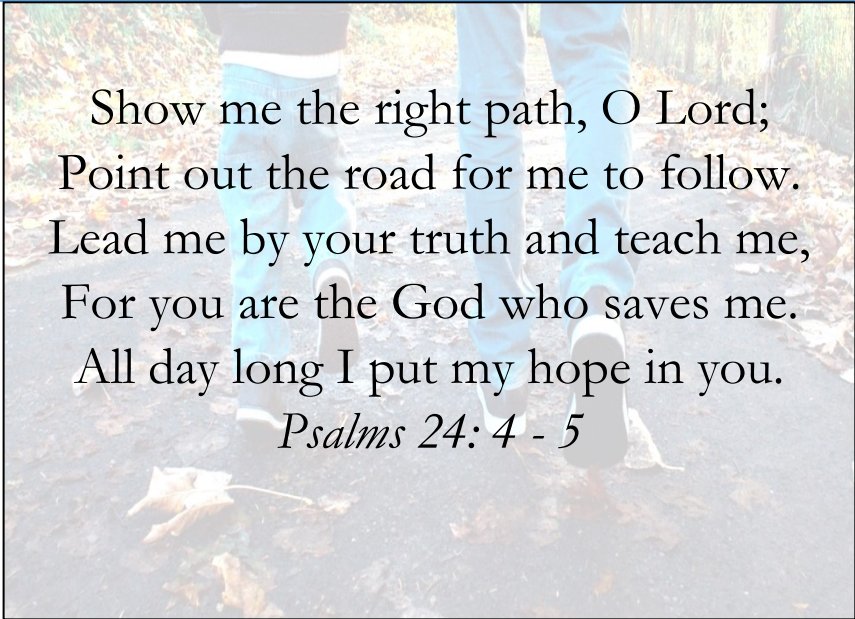




Walking the Path.



Walking the Path of Generosity

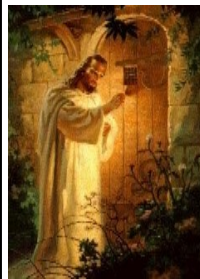


Show me the right path, O Lord;
Point out the road for me to follow.
Lead me by your truth and teach me,
For you are the God who saves me.
All day long I put my hope in you.

Psalms 24: 4 - 5

3rd December 2023
1st Sunday of Advent

In Mark's Gospel,
"Be on your guard
stay awake."



DO NOT BE AFRAID FOR YOUR PRAYER HAS BEEN HEARD.



PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE : Basilica of St Clement, Rome.

This basilica began as a private home where Christians worshipped in secret. It then became a basilica in the 4th Century when it was described as being dedicated to St Clement by St Jerome in 392.

The current basilica was rebuilt in the early 12th Century and today is one of the most richly decorated churches in Rome. It is owned and run by the Irish Dominicans who run a residence for priests studying and teaching in Rome.



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on December 8th. It celebrates the purity of the Virgin Mary who was free from original sin.

This grace enabled Mary to say **Yes** to God who requested, through the Angel Gabriel, that she become the Mother of God.



The liturgical colour for this day is white which is the colour of heaven and is used to celebrate great feasts.

"Jesus is the path and we are going to walk with Him."

- Pope Francis, *World Youth Day 2023*



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