

Motivation for John 1: 6-8. 19-28

Advent, a time of waiting, wanting, longing for Christ, is a joyful period. It is joyful because though we wait, we know that we are loved, and that Christ is coming.

With the certainty of this love this Advent season, I invite you all to let the Spirit transform you. When we do, we will recognise that all of us are called to be a witness to Christ and His Love.

We will live out the good news in different ways according to our vocations, and at times bearing witness in the wilderness - whether you are already in it or are still to meet it - may be daunting. But Paul in the second reading gives us the ingredients to succeed: joy, prayer, and thanksgiving. Armed with these, I encourage you to step out this Advent season and to show to your neighbour the transformative power of Christ. In the Spirit we cannot fail, and the Lord will make our works fruitful.