



**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR LADY IMMACULATE CHURCH**  
**CHRISTINGLE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**  
**WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 5PM**

**What is a Christingle Service?**

A Christingle Service is a special Church Service that is held for children during Advent. The Service celebrates Christ, who is the Light of the World. **Children (and adults) are invited to bring a Christingle to the Service.**

**What is a Christingle?**

The Christingle consists of an orange, decorated with a red ribbon, sweets and/or dried fruits, in which is placed a small candle.

**How do you make a Christingle?**

- Take an orange and fasten some red ribbon/red tape around the middle
- Use an apple corer to make a hole at the top of the orange for a candle to sit in
- Skewer soft sweets and/or dried fruit onto 4 cocktail sticks so that the points are covered
- Arrange the loaded cocktail sticks evenly around the top of the orange to represent North, South, East and West
- You will be supplied with a candle to put into your orange when you come to the Christingle Service

**What does the Christingle symbolise?**

- The orange represents the **world**
- The red ribbon around it represents the **blood of Christ**
- The soft sweets and/or dried fruit skewered on cocktail sticks pushed into the orange, represent the **fruits of the earth** and the **four seasons**
- The lit candle pushed into the centre of the orange represents **Christ as the Light of the World**