

## **Homily for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Br Adams**

Each year, Advent offers us a providential opportunity to prepare ourselves for Christmas. Christmas, an extraordinary Event, so important for our humanity; since God became Man and dwelt amongst us.

Each one of us, is called to be vigilant and to repent. The call here is for conversion and for internal renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. “Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.” It is not the Lord’s paths that need to be straightened-out but ours.

We let misunderstandings run-on from year to year, meaning to clear them-up some day. We keep quarrels alive because we cannot quite make-up our minds to sacrifice our pride and end them. We pass people, not speaking to them and yet knowing that it would fill us with shame and remorse if we heard that one of them was dead tomorrow. We let our neighbour be in need, till we hear that he is very ill; or let our friend’s heart ache for a word of appreciation, which we mean to give him some day. If only we could realise that “the time is short”, how it would break the spell. How we would go instantly and do the thing which we might never have another chance to do.

I repeat: it is not Lord’s paths that need to be straightened-out but ours. So, if there is some crooked attitude, or some crooked way of behaving, or some crooked relationship that needs to be straightened-out, let us straighten it out. Then, we will truly be preparing a way for the Lord to come to us. We shall then be ready for Christmas and the salvation that is brought to us.

God does not abandon us when we stray from the straight path. He keeps calling us back from our crooked ways to the straight path. Advent is an excellent time to aim ourselves in the right direction, and to commit ourselves to the right path. We must ask the Lord to take the blindness from our eyes, the weakness from our wills, and the hardness from our hearts, so that our lives may be flooded by the grace of his coming.

Amen.

