

Reflection Wednesday 2nd Week Advent St Lucy 2023

Saint Lucy, Virgin was martyred in Syracuse, probably during the persecution of Diocletian (which began in 303). Devotion to her spread rapidly across practically the whole Church and her name is included in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

Her name from the Latin means Light and she is the patron saint of the blind and those with eye troubles.

Isaiah speaks of Lucy when he writes: *The Lord gives strength to the powerless. All who hope in the Lord renew their strength, they put out wings like eagles. They run and do not grow weary, walk and never tire.*

As we continue our Advent journey, let us walk with hope knowing that like the good shepherd that he is he journeys with us. As the Liverpool football club anthem cries out – *We never walk alone!* Despite not always being evident, Jesus accompanies us always and hope gives us access to his presence. Lucy stands before us as one who placed her complete trust and hope in the Lord. Yes, she lost her life but she gained eternal life in response. Surely in the Advent season when we deeply yearn for the light of Christ to be renewed and strengthened within all who believe in Jesus, Lucy will shine a light on us that will encourage and strengthen us on our journey whatever the difficulties we may be facing.

Saint Lucy, your name signifies light. By the light of faith which God bestowed upon you, increase and preserve this light in our souls so that we may avoid evil, be zealous in the performance of good works, and abhor nothing so much as the blindness and the darkness of evil and of sin. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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