



Christmas traditions in Ireland



Advent

- Advent starts 4 Sundays before Christmas day.
- We prepare for the birth of baby Jesus.
- Every Sunday we light a candle.
- There are 3 purple candles which represent forgiveness.
- One pink candle for joy.
- On Christmas day we light the white candle.



Christmas Tree

- We have a tradition to go to public events where we light up Christmas trees.
- Queen Victoria's husband Prince Albert brought the Christmas tree to the UK.
- We have a Christmas tree light up in St Teresa's on the 3rd of December this year.



Christmas Eve

- We leave snacks for Santa and his reindeers.
- Santa comes in the morning of 25th December and leaves us gifts.
- If you're lucky you might hear his sleigh bells ring.
- Santa comes in a sleigh.
- Some people go to bed early.



Christmas day

- When you wake up you will find presents under your tree
- Some people wake up early.
- Some people have a large turkey dinner, we eat spuds ,vegetables ,gravy ,ham , pigs in blankets and roast potatoes.
- You go to Mass and the white candle is lit.
- You open your presents from family and friends.
- Christmas season continues until 6th January when the wise men arrived to see the baby Jesus.
- Some people go to mass at midnight.

