

# Bambinelli Sunday Blessing



A Parish Prayer Resource  
for Bambinelli Sunday 2020



## Introduction:

The Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) is a tradition which began in Rome. Each year on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), the Holy Father invites children to bring the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from the family Nativity scene to Mass for a blessing. We have been observing this tradition in our parish for a number of years.



This year however many of us are not able to gather here in our local parish church for Bambinelli Sunday due to restrictions in place as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. So we are offering this family blessing of the Bambinelli here in our parish church and we are encouraging those of you watching us online to do the same at home.

This is a very simple blessing which can be prayed by grandparents and parents over the Bambinelli. After the blessing the children are invited to wrap up their baby Jesus and to place him under the Christmas Tree. On Christmas morning the Bambinelli is the first Christmas gift to be unwrapped and placed in the family crib.

And so as we gather on this Gaudete Sunday to bless the Bambinelli, we do so as we pray:

God, our Father you so loved humankind that you sent  
us your only Son Jesus,  
born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you.  
We pray that, with your blessing, these images of Jesus,  
soon to come among us, may be a sign of your presence  
and love in our homes.

Good Father, give your Blessing to us too, to our parents,  
grandparents, to our families and to our friends.

Open our hearts, so that we may be able to receive Jesus in joy,  
and do what he asks and see him in all those who are in need of our love.

We ask your blessing on our Bambinelli and the children who present him  
in the name of the Father, of the son and of the Holy Spirit.

(A sprinkle of Holy Water may be used at the time of the blessing).

We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son who comes  
to give the world peace and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

Bless all families this Gaudete Sunday as we look forward to the joy of the birth of Our  
Saviour Jesus Christ.

