for our sins and in the full-size wreath [illegible] lit on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of Advent. The rose (pink) one is lit on the 3rd - Gaudete Sunday that helps increase the longing for birth of the Lord is always welcome!

# Book Review:

# The Glaston Chronicles by Donal A. Foley

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*The Glaston Chronicles* is an engaging Catholic fiction series that skilfully blends historical themes with thrilling adventures. Each book follows Matt and his cousins, Luke and Annie, as they embark on dangerous missions, facing enemies and obstacles at every turn. One of the series' strongest aspects is its smooth continuity; the story develops well across the books, with cliffhangers that keep readers eagerly turning pages.

### Book 1 - The Secret of Glaston Tor

In the first book, *The Secret of Glaston Tor*, the young protagonists find themselves propelled back in time to 1940s France during the Second World War, where they encounter a young family fleeing from the Nazis. The cousins bravely decide to help, despite the dangers they face themselves. Foley does a great job of bringing this historical time period to life, making the story both exciting and immersive.

### Book 2 - The Dark Tower

The second book, *The Dark Tower*, is my personal favourite of the series. Set in the modern-day 21st century, it reunites Matt and his cousins with their old adversary from the previous book, now an aged and extremely wealthy entrepreneur. As they attempt to retrieve a stolen artefact, they are drawn into a web of unexpected dangers. Relying on faith, prayer, and forgiveness, they must find a way to bring good out of evil, and seek the redemption of someone who once tried to destroy them. This fast-paced book is filled with twists and turns, keeping readers on the edge of their seats. Foley's talent for combining adventure with deeper moral questions truly shines, making it a standout in the series.

### Book 3 - The Excalibur Mystery

The third book, *The Excalibur Mystery*, sees Matt, Luke and Annie go time-travelling once again, this time to the medieval period, on a mission to rescue their troubled cousin who has fallen in with bad company, becoming caught up in a difficult and worrying situation. While this book continues to explore historical and Catholic themes, it moves at a slower pace compared to the first two. Still, it provides a satisfying continuation to their adventures.

Overall, *The Glaston Chronicles* is an enjoyable read. Foley's ability to merge history and fiction together makes these books a great choice for readers seeking adventure and thought-provoking storytelling. I would rate this series 9/10. I look forward to any upcoming sequels!