

Masses

Monday to Saturday:

8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m.,
11.30 a.m. 1.10 p.m. 3.00 p.m.

Sunday:

6.00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil),
8.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m.
& 4.00 p.m.

*Names can be enrolled for Mass
and will be remembered and
prayed for on the day requested.*

St Jude Novena

This continues to be celebrated on
Tuesdays at 8.00 p.m. and will be
livestreamed on our website. The
blessing with the Relics of St Jude
and of St Thérèse of Lisieux will
take place.

Confessions

Monday to Friday:

10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Saturday

10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Baptisms & Weddings

Please contact the Parish Office if
you have a Baptism or Wedding
booked at this time.

**JOIN US FOR LITURGY
THROUGH OUR
WEBCAM**

**PLEASE CONTINUE
TO BE SAFE
AND PROTECT
EACH OTHER**



The Season of Advent

Daylight grows shorter. The dark of night grows longer and more intense. In this cold dark, lights begin to shine which were not there before – they are in windows and on trees. It is as if people are afraid of the dark and all it symbolizes.

A spirit of expectation begins to pick up momentum: shopping trips, gift wrapping, parties, a different kind of music and song, and an avalanche of decorations. It is obvious that something wonderful is about to happen.

In the midst of this swelling excitement throughout contemporary society and culture, worshippers in churches are reminded to be watchful, to repent, to do penance. The gospel message almost parallels a secular song heard occasionally during this time of the year: You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why . . .

In churches, the colour purple clashes with the red, green and sparkling silver and gold we see everywhere else. Young and old alike prepare to celebrate Christmas by taking part in a variety of traditions, some of them only remotely associated with the preparation for the Christian mystery of the Incarnation – the birth of God in human flesh.

Yes, someone is coming to town. And so the season reminds us to prepare the way of the Lord, to stay awake and be ready because while we know the date of Christmas and will carefully count down the remaining days, it is very easy to let the time run by so fast that we forget the true preparations that must be made to celebrate the birth of the Messiah – the personal preparation which sees us open our hearts to receive the gift of the Christ-child who was born so long ago for each one of us today.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday, 28th November:	First Sunday of Advent
Monday, 29th November:	First Week of Advent
Tuesday, 30th November:	St Andrew, Apostle
Wednesday, 1st December:	First Week of Advent
Thursday, 2nd December:	First Week of Advent
Friday 3rd December:	St Francis Xavier
Saturday, 4th December:	First Week of Advent

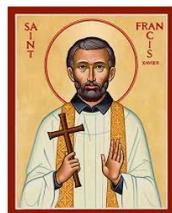


A SAINT THIS WEEK

Feast of St Andrew, Apostle



Like so many of Jesus Christ's apostles, very little is actually known about Andrew. He was the brother of St Peter, a disciple of John the Baptist, and was the first to be called by Jesus. In St John's Gospel he tells his brother of Jesus with the words, 'We have found the Messiah' (John 1:41). He is also mentioned in the gospels as the one who brought the Gentiles to Jesus and the one who pointed out the boy with the loaves and fishes. He is said to have preached the Gospel in Asia Minor (Turkey) and Greece and to have been martyred by crucifixion on an X-shaped cross at Patras in Achaia, in eastern Central Greece. He is the patron saint of Scotland, Greece and Russia.



St Francis Xavier, Priest:

Francis Xavier was born in the Kingdom of Navarre, northern Spain, in 1506, and was one of the original seven companions of St Ignatius of Loyola, who founded the Jesuits. He was one of the greatest missionaries and concentrated his efforts on India and the Far East. He died in 1552 on his way to China. He is Patron Saint of

the Foreign Missions and of all works for the spreading of Christianity.



"Our God is the God who comes:" He never disappoints us. He came at a precise moment in history and became man to take our sins upon Himself. The Lord knocks at the doors of our hearts." Pope Francis emphasizes that at a time when people are worried by the COVID-19 pandemic, "we run the risk of falling into pessimism, closure and

apathy." The antidote to this, he says, is to await the Lord because he "is our help and our shield."

"Confidently waiting for the Lord allows us to find comfort and courage in the dark moments of our lives," he says.

"Advent is a continuous call to hope," the Pope underlines. "It reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal and to its fullness, which is the Lord Jesus Christ. God is present in the history of humanity, He is the 'God-with-us', He walks beside us to support us."

Pope Francis concludes, "The Lord never abandons us; He accompanies us through the events of our lives to help us discover the meaning of the journey, the meaning of everyday life, to give us courage when we are under duress or when we suffer. In the midst of life's storms, God always extends His hand to us and frees us from threats".

Mass Office, Church Shop & General Enquiries

Monday to Saturday:
8.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Items can be ordered by phone or through our online shop and they will be sent out by post. Shop and all other enquiries: Tel: (01) 475 8821 Email: shop@whitefriar-streetchurch.ie

Web: <https://shop.whitefriarstreet-church.com/>



Parish Office

For certificates of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or to book a Baptism or a Wedding. 01 475 8821

Email: parish@whitefriarstreet-church.ie



Society of St Vincent de Paul

Members meet each Monday evening to consider requests. For those living within our parish, requests can be made by text to 085 789 8699. For those outside the Parish, please ring 01 855 0022.



REMAINING VIGILANT

While Covid-19 is a significant threat, we strongly recommend and ask all those visiting our church to adhere to the following:

- Wear a face mask at all times while in the building no matter how many others are there.
- Wear a face mask when in the confessional.
- Sanitise your hands when entering the building.
- Keep a safe distance from others when seated and avoid crowding.
- Follow the instructions of our staff in the church and shop.

People may bring a clean bottle of tap water to church and it can be blessed by a priest, or they can buy a bottle in the Church Shop and we will fill it for them (there is no charge for the holy water).



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