



WHITEFRIAR STREET CHURCH
*The Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
& Shrine of Saint Valentine, Dublin 2*

December 6, 2020
The Second Sunday
of Advent

SACRAMENTS

Masses

Sundays:

AM: 8.00, 10.30

PM: 12.30, 4.00

Weekdays:

AM: 8.00, 10.00, 11.30

PM: 1.10, 3.00

Bank Holidays:

AM: 10.00, 11.30

Holy days:

*according to the day of
the week*

Confessions

Monday to Friday:

AM: 10.30-11.30

PM: 3.00-4.00

Saturdays:

AM: 10.30-12.30

PM: 2.00-4.00

Devotions at 2.30pm

Monday: Miraculous

*Medal – Rosary &
Benediction*

Friday: Exposition of the

*Blessed Sacrament –
silent prayer*

Saturday: Our Lady of

*Mount Carmel –
Rosary & Benediction*

St Jude Novena Mass

*Tuesdays at 8.00pm
including blessing with
the Relics of St Jude and
of St Thérèse of Lisieux*

*Join us for liturgy
through our webcam*



The readings for this Sunday focus on the role of John the Baptist in preparing a way for the Lord's coming through the conversion of the people. The reading from the prophet Isaiah looked forward to the return of the exiled Israelites from Babylon by means of a road across the desert, which the Lord would construct for that purpose.

In the gospel we are introduced to John the Baptist who is seen as the fulfilment of the text from the prophet Isaiah. At the same time, he is very closely linked with the Old Testament prophet Elijah through the description of what he wears and how he acts. Many people came to hear John and to be baptised by him in order to have their sins washed away. But John was clear in his teaching that he was not the most important one who was to come – that person had yet to arrive and, when he arrived, even John would not be worthy enough to untie his sandals. John spoke of making the path to our hearts straight and by that he was saying that the twists and turns and dips in the road which slow down our journey to God must be removed and a direct line be created. This direct route also makes it easier for the Lord to enter our hearts – it is a two-way road.

In anticipation of Christ's Second Coming at the end of time, the second reading from St Peter says that we should be found at peace with God and with our neighbour when he comes. The exact time of arrival is unknown because God measures time differently to us, but come he certainly will and, when he does, he will change the world as we know it. It is key, therefore, to be ready for that moment of arrival by living 'without spot or stain' and by removing from our lives all that would prevent us being at peace with the Lord, or prevent us from deepening our relationship with him as we celebrate his birth this Christmas.

We are invited to prepare for our celebration of the Lord's Incarnation by opening our hearts to the Gospel message of conversion.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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| Sunday 6: | The Second Sunday of Advent |
| Monday 7: | St Ambrose |
| Tuesday 8: | Immaculate Conception |
| Wednesday 9: | The Second Week of Advent |
| Thursday 10: | The Second Week of Advent |
| Friday 11: | The Second Week of Advent |
| Saturday 12: | The Second Week of Advent |

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary herself was conceived without original sin, a state which reflected the fact that she was to be the Mother of God through giving birth to Jesus, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. This belief was held for many centuries among the faithful and a feast with this theme was approved in 1476. St Catherine Labouré's vision in 1830 was the source of the Miraculous Medal which bears the words '*O Mary, conceived without sin*'. For centuries many theologians were unhappy with this idea as it would suggest that Mary was different to the rest of her brothers and sisters, that she might not be one of us. After consultation and further examination, the dogma was formally proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in 1854. Affirmation was seen to be given to this dogma in 1858, when Bernadette Soubirous asked the Lady who had appeared to her in Lourdes who she was, and the Lady replied that she was the Immaculate Conception.

MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP & GENERAL ENQUIRIES – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sunday: 10.00am - 2.00pm
Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 4.00pm.
Saturday: 9.30am - 4.00pm

Other enquiries: ☎ 01 475 8821
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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, particularly when lighting candles.
- Receive Holy Communion on the open, clean, bare hand only.
- Follow a one-way system in coming to Holy Communion.
- 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).

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Share Collection on December 12 and 13 will be for the St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal. Traditionally, the Society holds a collection after Sunday Masses once a month. However, this year they have not been able to hold as many collections as normal, though the requests for help have increased. Those who can make donations can also do so using the envelopes available – these envelopes can be left in the shop or in any of the black boxes at the back of the church.

ONLINE SHOP

Our online shop is available and items – including Mass Cards, prayer cards, statues, etc. – can be ordered and sent out to anywhere in Ireland or around the world. A click-and-collect service is also available in our shop. To see what is available or to place an order, please visit:

<https://shop.whitefriarstrectchurch.com/>

PARISH OFFICE

For certificates of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or to book a baptism or a wedding.

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CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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