



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

December 13, 2020
The Third 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

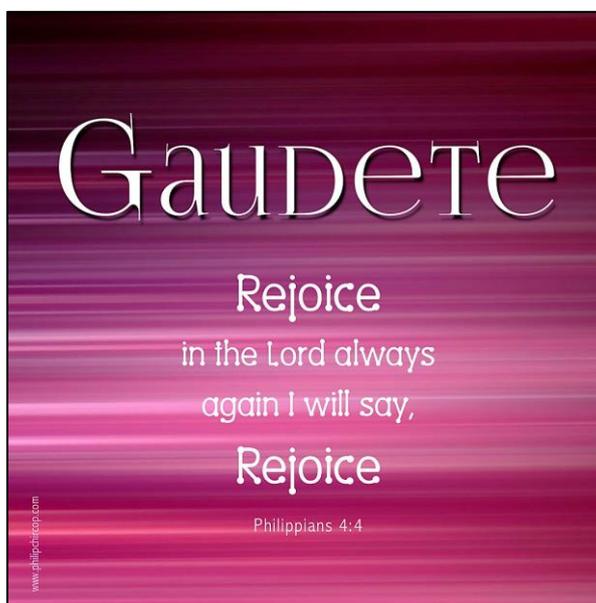
Saturday: Our Lady of

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 the third Sunday of Advent anticipate the joy of the Second Coming of Jesus, our Lord, hence the name '*Gaudete*' – Rejoice.

According to St Luke, the first reading from the prophet Isaiah is the text Jesus quoted to announce his mission as the anointed Messiah, the one sent to bring good news to the poor and liberty to captives. The second reading comes from the closing section of the first letter to the Thessalonians and invited the people to see their Christian life not as a series of obligations towards God and neighbour, but as a joyful and prayerful way of life, recognising and thanking God for the many gifts of the Holy Spirit. It called the people to be happy and links happiness and rejoicing with prayer and giving thanks to God.

The gospel for this weekend describes John the Baptist as a witness to Jesus and highlights the difference between the Baptist and Jesus. John was a voice crying in the wilderness, calling the people to conversion and baptism in preparation for the One who would baptise them with the Holy Spirit. A key line from John is that this person was already in their midst though they did not know him. Today, we do know about Jesus Christ but knowing about him and actually knowing him are very different things – one we can read in a book but the other comes from a personal relationship with him. We are asked in this season to prepare for the Lord's coming into our own lives at Christmas by conversion of heart and confession of our sins, but also by deepening our relationship with him and helping others to see his presence in their midst, to reveal to them the One they don't yet know.

A relationship with Jesus Christ is not a silent one, but one which should bring much joy to our lives.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 13: The Third Sunday of Advent
Monday 14: St John of the Cross
Tuesday 15: The Third Week of Advent
Wednesday 16: The Third Week of Advent
Thursday 17: The Third Week of Advent
Friday 18: The Third Week of Advent
Saturday 19: The Third Week of Advent

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, CARMELITE

Juan de Yepes Alvarez was born in Fontiveros, Old Castile, north-western Spain, in 1542 and became a Carmelite Friar in 1563. He became good friends with St Teresa of Avila who encouraged him to reform the male branch of the Order of Carmelites as she was reforming the Carmelite nuns. The houses of the reform which he had established became the Order of Discalced Carmelites. It is as a mystic that John is known as a Doctor of the Church. His best known writings and poems are 'The Ascent of Mount Carmel,' 'The Dark Night of the Soul,' and 'The Spiritual Canticle'. He died at Ubeda in Andalusia, Spain, on December 14, 1591, and was canonized in 1726.

*Well and good if all things change,
O Lord God,
provided I am rooted in You.*

*Saint John of the Cross
Carmelite Priest, Doctor of the Church*

MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Sunday: 10.00am - 2.00pm
Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 4.00pm.
Saturday: 9.30am - 4.00pm
Tuesday extra: 7.30pm - 8.15pm
Other enquiries: ☎ 01 475 8821
Email: shop@whitefriarstrectchurch.ie
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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 and visiting the Crib.
- 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).

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Share Collection this weekend will be for the St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal. Donations can also be made using the envelopes available.

MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Traditionally, Churches are very busy with large congregations for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This year that will not be possible and the numbers allowed at each Mass will still be severely limited. Please remember that the Irish Episcopal Conference has suspended the requirement to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days and has said that individuals may attend Mass on any other day of the week instead. Regarding Christmas Day, those who cannot attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Day for whatever reason can attend Mass on one of the days during the twelve days of Christmas instead, that is from Christmas Day to the Epiphany.

PARISH OFFICE

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CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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