



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

December 20, 2020
The Fourth 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



This Sunday focuses on the Annunciation to Mary by the Archangel Gabriel. Centuries before Mary was born lived David, King of Israel. David loved the Lord and served him even as he occasionally fell into sin. The Lord made a promise to David that his royal House would last for ever and that one of his descendants would occupy the throne. As time went on, the royal line became more and more distant from God and eventually died out, yet the promise made to David remained alive in the Jewish people and they longed for the day when the Messiah would arrive.

The gospel describes the unexpected way in which the promise was to be fulfilled through the birth of the 'Son of the Most High' from Mary, who was betrothed to a man from the house of David. This annunciation is tied in closely with that to Zechariah and straightaway the contrasts are clear: John would be born to aged parents, but Jesus to a young virgin; John would be great before the Lord, but Jesus is Lord. Through Mary's consent, *'I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me'*, God has come to live permanently in our human nature, building a house for himself in the womb of the Virgin Mary. The Ark for the Covenant, which David wished to build of wood, took flesh in Mary who became the living Ark which carried Jesus because she, like David, had faith in God and placed her trust in him to guide her life.

We are called to have greater faith and trust in God and to be arks to carry the Good News of salvation wherever we go. Only by saying yes to the Lord every day can we deepen our relationship with him and come to love and serve him as fully as did Mary and David. Only in this way can we fittingly celebrate Christmas.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 20: The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday 21: The Fourth Week of Advent
Tuesday 22: The Fourth Week of Advent
Wednesday 23: The Fourth Week of Advent
Thursday 24: The Fourth Week of Advent
Friday 25: Christmas Day
Saturday 26: St Stephen's Day

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.



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

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

Our sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the Christmas Appeal for St Vincent de Paul last weekend.

BANK HOLIDAYS

Saturday, December 26, and Monday, December 28, are bank holidays. The 10.00am Mass will be the only Mass on those two days with the church closing at 10.45am. Sunday, December 27, is as normal.

The Carmelite Community wishes all those who visit our church during these days, and throughout the year, every peace, happiness and joy in the birth of our Saviour.

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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