



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

November 29, 2020
The First Sunday
of Advent

SACRAMENTS

*From Tuesday,
December 1*

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 weekend the Church begins its new liturgical year as we enter the season of Advent. The focus of this season is not found within this season but in the next, in the season of Christmas, and so Advent is a time of preparing for something more, something greater. It is also a time of waiting which this year, perhaps, is somewhat more significant as we have all waited for some semblance of normality to return to our lives after months of upheaval and uncertainty. For many of us the important thing that we have been waiting for is a return to Mass celebrated together and the daily reception of Holy Communion.

There are many who do not understand why such things would be important but for those with faith they are essential because they are a tangible reminder of the hope we derive from faith, a visible reminder that God is always with us. Far from dashing that hope, the inability to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist has reminded us of their central place in our lives. We can do without certain shops, we can do without going out for meals, we can do without holidays for a while, but we find it very difficult to do without meeting friends and family for a face to face chat, and we find it very difficult to do without the Mass because it too is a relationship with a living person and one which gives us hope that all will be well.

Jesus Christ was born in very humble circumstances but he is this still our saviour and in him all our hope is founded. We give these weeks to preparing for his rebirth in our lives and, as we long for a return to public Mass, so too we should long for the rebirth of Jesus Christ in our lives, we should long for an ever-deeper relationship with him.

Hope never disappears but at times our vision can be obscured so that we can't see the hope that is always present. Advent is a time of waiting, a time of renewing our faith in the hope that was born in the stable of Bethlehem so long ago, but which has never left the world. Advent is a time to strengthen the most important relationship we will ever have so that we may fittingly celebrate Christmas.

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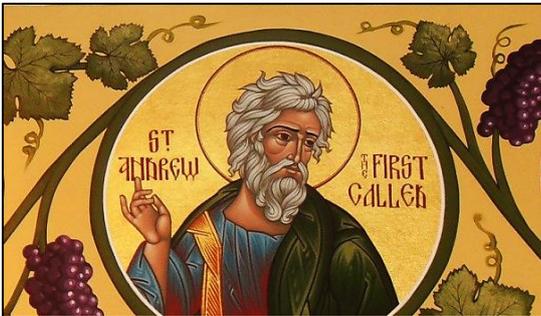
THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 29:	The First Sunday of Advent
Monday 30:	St Andrew
Tuesday 1:	The First Week of Advent
Wednesday 2:	The First Week of Advent
Thursday 3:	St Francis Xavier
Friday 4:	The First Week of Advent
Saturday 5:	The First Week of Advent

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

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.



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).

RETURN TO PUBLIC MASS – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

We welcome the return to public Mass beginning on Tuesday, December 1. The numbers able to attend will still be very restricted and this will not change for some time. Those wishing to attend Mass should arrive early and wear a face mask. Please understand that when the church has reached its allowed number the doors will be closed – this is not something we wish to do but something we have to do to help keep the virus at bay and avoid any further restrictions on public worship, especially as we approach Christmas Day.

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. At this time, please be aware that it may take a few days longer than normal to receive items by post. A click-and-collect service is also available. To see what is available or to place an order, please visit:

<https://shop.whitefriarstreetchurch.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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