



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

December 8, 2019
The Second Sunday
of Advent

SACRAMENTS

Masses

Sundays:

Vigil 6.00pm

AM: 8.00, 10.30, 11.30

PM: 12.30, 4.00, 7.00

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:

10.30-11.30; 3.00-4.00

Saturdays:

10.30-12.30, 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

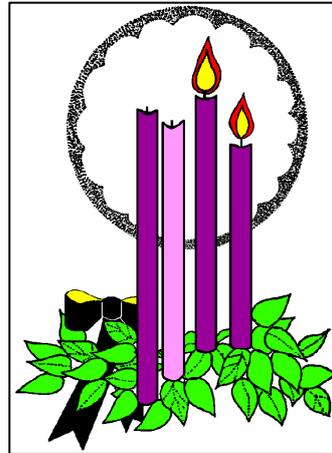
St Jude Novena

Tuesdays at 8.00pm

including blessing with the
Relics of St Jude and of St
Thérèse of Lisieux

Living abroad?

*Join us for liturgy through
our webcam.*



Prepare a way for the Lord...

The readings for the second Sunday of Advent give two key people, two important role models for us. The first is the prophet Isaiah who spoke of the Lord's arrival and who, in his way, prepared the way for the Lord's coming. The second is John the Baptist – the Lord's own cousin – who is spoken of by Isaiah and who prepared the way for the Lord in the Lord's own time.

We are introduced to John the Baptist in the gospel as he was preaching repentance and as he directly challenged the Pharisees and Sadducees who came to him for baptism. He had a stark warning that the Lord would sift through his people and separate the faithful from the unfaithful, and he pointed out that there would always be those who would be unfaithful.

We are the successors to John and to his mission and by our baptismal promises we have taken on the duty to prepare the way in our own time for the Lord's imminent coming in power through the celebration of Christmas. Before we can be heralds of that great news, we must first prepare a way for him to enter more deeply into our own hearts, which we do through repentance, and through facing up to those things in our lives which are at odds with the Gospel, making a genuine effort to remove them from our lives.

One of the things that John questioned the Pharisees about was their hypocrisy. They believed that only God could forgive sins and yet they came to John to have their sins forgiven through baptism. This is a reminder to us that we cannot be hypocrites where faith in God is concerned; we cannot be seen to do the right thing while inside we desire something else or do something else when certain others are not watching. These days of Advent are a time to clean up our lives and to make ourselves worthy of the birth of Jesus Christ in our own time.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 8: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday 9: Immaculate Conception
Tuesday 10: Second Week in Advent
Wednesday 11: Second Week in Advent
Thursday 12: Second Week in Advent
Friday 13: St Lucy
Saturday 14: St John of the Cross

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Very little is known about Lucy, though pious tradition says that she turned down the advances of a suitor who, in an act of rage, denounced her as a Christian and had her killed. She suffered martyrdom at Syracuse, on the island of Sicily, about the year 304, during the persecution under the Emperor Diocletian.

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.

CHURCH SHOP, MASS OFFICE & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Sunday: 10.00am - 2.00pm
Monday to Friday: 8.30am - 5.00pm.
Tuesday extra: 7.30pm - 8.15pm
Saturday: 9.30am - 6.00pm
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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.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8 is the calendar day for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. However, this year December 8 is a Sunday in Advent and so the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 9. This also means that for this year, the Immaculate Conception is **not** a holy day of obligation.

Lay Carmel

The Whitefriar Street Chapter of the Carmelite Third Order/Lay Carmel will meet at the usual time on Saturday, December 14. New members are always welcome and information leaflets can be had from Peggy Molloy or from the shop.

Tap and Go card machine

As more and more people prefer to use cards or their mobile phone to pay for items and carry less cash, a simple tap and go machine has been installed at the back of the church. Those who prefer to use cards, Apple Pay or Google Pay can use the machine to donate to the church, contribute to the Mass collections, or pay for candles.

Christmas Schedule

The Christmas schedule of Masses, Confessions and Church Shop hours is available at Calvary.

Each time that my enemy would provoke me to combat, I behave as a gallant soldier. I know that a duel is an act of cowardice, and so, without once looking him in the face, I turn my back on the foe, then I hasten to my Saviour, and vow that I am ready to shed my blood in witness of my belief in Heaven.

*Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face
Carmelite Nun, Doctor of the Church
1875 - 1897*

PARISH OFFICE

For certificates of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or to book a baptism or a wedding.
Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 1.00pm
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CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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