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SAINT JAMES'S PARISH, Dublin 8

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SEASON OF ADVENT

This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday is our season of Advent, a time when we all come together as we wait and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

This Weekend we will light the **SHEPARDS** candle. This is the third candle on our Advent wreath and it symbolises our **JOY** and reminds us of the joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus Christ.

SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION: This weekend the 11th/12th of December is the Annual Collection for St. Vincent De Paul. This collection will replace this weeks Share collection. The Society of St Vincent de Paul hope to raise funds for those less fortunate or disadvantaged in our Community who are struggling this Christmas. Please support if you can.

WE REMEMBER AT CHRISTMAS: A reminder that our Christmas Book of Prayer intentions is still at the front of the Altar. You are welcome to write the Names of those who, for one reason or another, cannot be here with you for Christmas in this book. We will include their names at Mass at Christmas time.

MUSIC: A reminder to all that our new organist Katerina is eager to make contact with those who play instruments or would like to sing at our 10.30 Mass on Sundays. Those interested should speak with Katerina at Sunday Mass.

NEWSLETTER: Our weekly newsletter is now available to view online on our website STJAMESPARISH.IE

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets for our Annual Christmas Raffle, which takes place next weekend, are available after Mass this weekend or from the Parish office Monday—Friday. Tickets are €2 each or a book of 5 for €5. Please return any outstanding Stubbs asap. Thank you for your continued support.

SYNODAL PRAYER CARDS: The Archbishop has invited all parishioners to recite daily the Synodal Prayer. Copies of the Prayer are available at the Church doors and we would encourage you to pray this prayer each day.

Mass intentions 11th/12th December

Sat. 6.30 pm: Therese Curry, Tom Broderick, Christine Keogh, Maureen Sharkey, Nancy Hays and Jimmy, Eddie & Tommy Lyng

Sun. 10.30 am: James Andrews, Kathleen & William Cushen and Bridget & George O'Reilly

HYMNS

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert,
But you shall not die of thirst,
You shall wander far in safety,
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words
in foreign lands
And they will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid; I go before you always:

***Come, follow me
and I will give you rest.***

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th

Confession 5pm—6pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th

Confession 9am—10am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th (Christmas Eve)

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25th (Christmas Day)

Mass at 10.30am

(NO Evening Mass)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th (St. Stephens Day)

Mass at 10.30am

MONDAY DECEMBER, 27th

Mass at 10am

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Over the past few years, there has been a welcomed interest in revitalising the South Inner City through building and regeneration projects.

For the faith communities of the Liberties, too, this is also a time of change. There is a rich tradition of Christianity in this area stretching back over 1000 years. The Churches in Francis Street, Meath Street and James's Street have long been places of faith, hope and love. Generations of people have come to our Churches to gather together, to celebrate happy occasions and to mourn the dead. It is important that we remember and honour those who have passed to us the gift of faith.

At the same time, we must be realistic in facing the future. There has been a decline in population of the area along with a more general decline in the numbers attending Mass. Churches that were once full to the brim on a weekly, if not daily, basis are now struggling. We must act with the firm intention of preserving our Christian faith for those who will follow.

With this in mind, Archbishop Dermot Farrell has tasked the Parishes of Meath Street, Francis Street and James's Street to build a viable future for the Church in the Liberties. This will mean working closely with our neighbours in a spirit of faith and co-operation. It will take time and patience. The unique history and tradition of each Parish must be maintained while at the same time, we build a new future.

As a first step, Archbishop Farrell has appointed Fr. Eugene Taaffe, PP of James's Street as Moderator of all three parishes. In doing this, the hope is that the parish clergy can begin to facilitate discussions between themselves and between the parishes as to how best to move forward.

For Meath Street Parish, April 25th 2022 will see the end of the Augustinian Order looking after the Parish. With a decline in the number of priests, the Order have informed Archbishop Farrell that they are no longer able to care for the Parish, however the Order will continue to have presence in John's Lane. It is hoped that the occasion will be marked in a suitable way and that we can formally thank the Augustinian Order for their dedication and commitment to the people of Meath Street over the past 50 years.

With all this change, it is a time of hope and of opportunity. This is the beginning of a slow and gradual process. Pope Francis has asked that over the next few years, communities engage in deeply listening and responding to the needs of the people. It is this vision of 'synodality' we will use in the months and years ahead.

All of us, people and clergy, are standing on holy ground that has been gifted to us. We have a firm foundation of 1000 years of Christian living. It is up to us to ensure that future generations of this area will know the name of Jesus, the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the love of God the Father.

Fr. Niall Coghlan OSA P.P – Meath Street Parish

Fr. Richie Goode OSA C.C – Meath Street Parish

Fr. Martin Dolan Adm – Francis Street Parish

Fr. Eugene Taaffe P.P – James' Street Parish

