

Walking the Path.



17th December 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent
In John's Gospel:
"A witness to
speak for the
Light."



Walking the Path of Generosity

Advent is a penitential season but it is also a season of great joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday when the priest wears pink vestments and the pink candle is lit.

Pink is the colour of joy. In French it is called Rose which suggests the sense of beauty, creation nature and growing. Joy is another gift of the Holy Spirit.

We should be joyful witnesses to the Gospel.



DO NOT BE AFRAID FOR BRINGING NEWS OF GREAT JOY.



PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE : The Pantheon Rome.

Basilica Santa Maria ad Martyrs is a former Roman temple, hence it is called the Pantheon, which has been a Catholic church since 609AD.

It is one of the best preserved Roman buildings and is known informally as Santa Maria del Rotunda because of its round shape.

The front of the church is a portico with the round building behind it.

The dome is the largest unreinforced concrete dome in the world and has survived for over two thousand years.

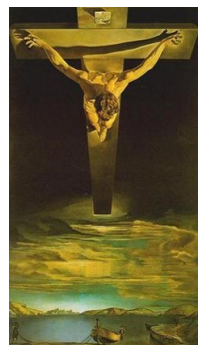


"He walked among us preaching and teaching." - Pope Francis, *World Youth Day 2023*



John of the Cross was a great saint who was a reformer, a mystic and one of the great Spanish poets. He has inspired many other holy men and women to pursue God into the mysterious heights and depths of divine love.

John was born in Spain in 1542.



You might well have seen a print of the popular painting of *Christ of St John of the Cross* by Salvador Dalí, and wondered at the unusual perspective. St John (1542-1591) sketched a vision he received of Christ on the Cross as though from above, from a heavenly perspective.

