



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

February 23, 2020
Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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:

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

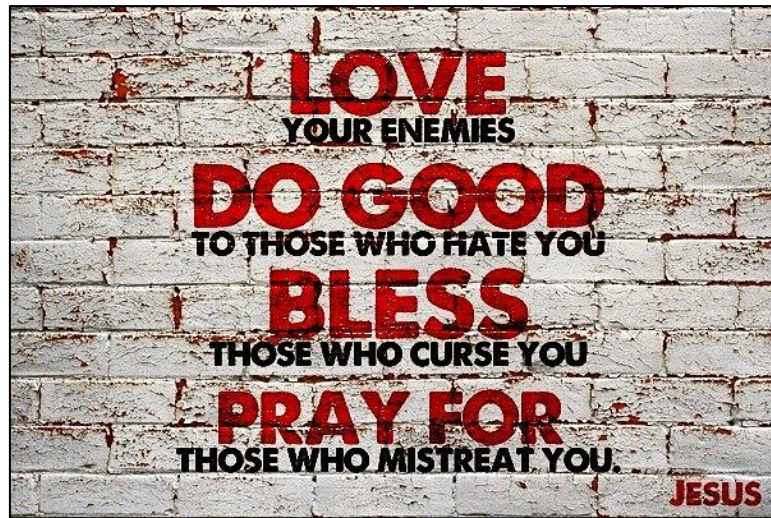
Tuesdays at 8.00pm
including blessing with
the Relics of St Jude and
of St Thérèse of Lisieux

Baptisms & Weddings

Contact the parish office

Living abroad?

Join us for liturgy
through our webcam.



The gospel for this weekend refers to our relations with others. The Lord told the people that the old way of ‘an eye for an eye’ will not lead to peace and has no place in the Kingdom. The purpose of this Jewish law was to ensure that the punishment for a crime was no greater than the crime itself – in other words, it was a way of preventing revenge and especially excessive revenge and punishment. Even with this instruction, however, the punishment itself was at times excessive. By the time of Jesus, many of the scribes and Pharisees were uncomfortable with that particular law and it is in this context that the Lord spoke.

The Lord didn’t suggest that punishment be done away with altogether, and neither did he suggest that justice not be done. Justice must be done and there are many ways in which it can be brought about but it does seem strange that killing someone to prove to them that their killing of another is wrong – the criminal is now dead and can give nothing back to society. Likewise, taking a hand leaves the criminal more dependent on charity than ever before.

The Lord suggested that we offer no resistance to those who come against us, though he doesn’t suggest that we lie down and let others walk all over us. Essentially, the Lord was saying that by offering no resistance, by going beyond what the aggressor or persecutor wanted, we take the moral high ground and this can cause the other person to look again at their actions and to see that what they are doing is wrong and is denying dignity to the other person.

Justice is important but it must come with mercy and it must change the individual and make them a better person, not a bitter person. There is no place for revenge and vengefulness. It must encourage contrition and forgiveness; it must be founded on the principle of love for others as our brothers and sisters.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 23: Ordinary Time – Sunday 7
Monday 24: Ordinary Time – Week 7
Tuesday 25: Ordinary Time – Week 7
Wednesday 26: Ash Wednesday
Thursday 27: After Ash Wednesday
Friday 28: After Ash Wednesday
Saturday 29: After Ash Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY

On February 26, we enter Lent – the great penitential season of the Church's year – in preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the salvation of each of us. The readings on Ash Wednesday and throughout the season will speak about repentance, about fasting, about preparation, and will remind us of how we should live and why the Lord asks to live in such a way.

We are called to prepare for the glory of the resurrection and our salvation by prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Throughout Lent many people give up various things such as chocolate or sugar, etc., but what we are asked to give up has far greater impact not just for ourselves but for others, for we are asked to give up sin and hypocrisy.

Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.



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.

THANK YOU

The annual collection taken up last week to support the work in the archdiocese of Dublin of Accord, the Catholic Marriage Care Service, amounted to €920.15. We thank you for your ongoing generosity to the various special collections throughout the year.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 26, is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at each of the Masses on Ash Wednesday and they will also be available throughout the day.

THE NOVENA OF GRACE

The Novena of Grace will take place in this church from Wednesday, March 4, to Thursday, March 12. The Novena Mass will take place at 3.00pm each day (4.00pm on Sunday, March 8), and this year's preacher will be Fr Bernard McGuckian, S.J. All are welcome.

Along with this total abandonment must go a complete acceptance of God's will with equanimity and resignation. No matter what troubles and ills come our way, they are to be willingly and indeed joyously endured since they come from God, and God knows what He is doing.

This trust must be unreserved with no thought of reward, but inevitably God will reward the person who so believes and endures with graces and treasures far beyond any sacrifices or offerings he or she has made since He is infinitely good. Also, God never tests us beyond our ability to endure and, as a matter of fact, bestows on us graces that will enable us to endure as we show our acceptance of whatever He sends our way.

*Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection,
Carmelite Friar
1614-1691*

PARISH OFFICE

For certificates of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or to book a baptism or a wedding.
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