



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

September 20, 2020
Twenty-fifth Sunday
of Ordinary Time

SACRAMENTS

Private Prayer

Monday to Saturday:

11.00am to 2.30pm.

Sunday:

11.30am to 3.15pm

Masses

Mass will be available
live through our website:

Monday to Saturday:

8.00am, 10.00am,

3.00pm

Sunday:

8.00am, 10.30am,

4.00pm

Names can be enrolled
for Mass and will be
remembered and prayed
for on the day requested.

St Jude Novena

This continues to be
celebrated on Tuesdays at
8.00pm and will be
livestreamed in our
website. The blessing
with the Relics of St Jude
and of St Thérèse of
Lisieux will take place.

Confessions

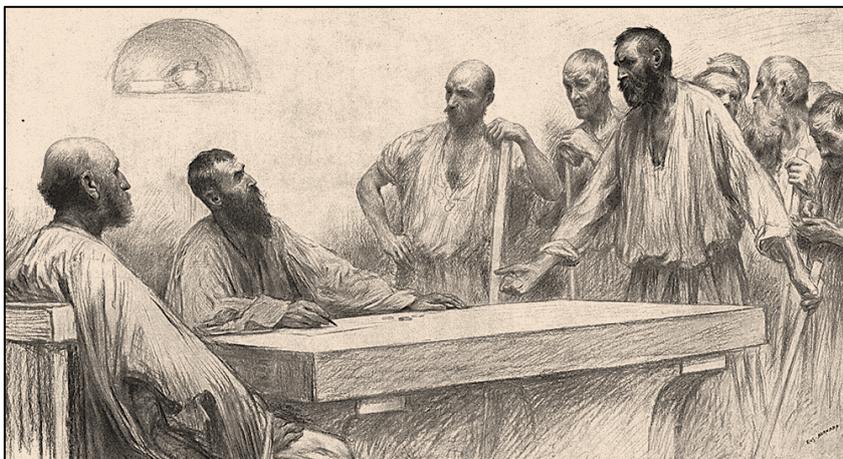
Monday to Saturday:

11.00am to 12.00pm

Baptisms & Weddings

Please contact the parish
office if you have a
baptism or wedding
booked at this time.

Join us for liturgy
through our webcam



The gospel passage sees Jesus teaching about the mercy of God through a parable in which all people are treated the same and according to God's ways. The landowner appears not to have a permanent work crew and so hires workers as he needs them.

It was the norm of the time for those seeking employment to gather at a certain place, such as a market, and wait for landowners to come and hire them. The landowner here seems to hire everyone, even very late in the day. An agreement is made with each one regarding pay and this agreement is upheld by the landowner at the end of the day. However, the workers complain because even though they receive the amount they themselves had agreed, they did not agree with those working one hour getting the same as those who worked several hours.

The vineyard represents the Kingdom to which all are welcome, and it also represents the call to holiness of life made to each person. There is a reward for everyone who lives the life of faith, who strives after perfection before God, who seeks to enter the Kingdom. The workers gathered because they wanted to work; we come to church and we pray because we want to enter the Kingdom. Those who begin early in life make the entry to the Kingdom smoother, but it is never too late to begin a life of faith, it is never too late to be converted to the kind of life the Lord calls us to live. There is also the reminder that rather than looking down our noses at those who came late to the faith or begrudging God's generosity to them, that we should rejoice with them and give them every encouragement and walk with them on the journey to the Kingdom. Everyone is called to conversion and, no matter how well we think we are living, we can all do better and be converted evermore to the precepts of the Gospel.

We should all rejoice that the Kingdom is open to everyone who has faith, regardless of how long we think they have been living truly Christian lives.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 20: Ordinary Time – Sunday 25
Monday 21: St Matthew, Apostle
Tuesday 22: Ordinary Time – Week 25
Wednesday 23: St Pius of Pietrelcina
Thursday 24: Ordinary Time – Week 25
Friday 25: Ordinary Time – Week 25
Saturday 26: Ordinary Time – Week 25

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

Very little is known about Matthew other than what is recorded in the Gospels which tell us that he was a tax-collector who was called by Jesus himself. Matthew's Gospel emphasises the Kingship of Jesus and the Christian belief that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah or Anointed One of the Jewish Faith.

ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO), PRIEST

Francesco Forgione was born in Pietrelcina, in the mountainous region of southern Italy, in 1887. He joined the Capuchin Friars (OFM Cap) and was ordained priest in 1910. He suffered from ill-health and was thought to have tuberculosis at one stage. While praying before a cross he received the visible stigmata on September 20, 1918. His fame spread far and wide after the end of the Second World War and crowds flocked to hear and see him. Many miracles have been attributed to him and he was a gifted confessor. He founded a hospital in 1956. He died on September 23, 1968, and was canonized in 2002.

MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Sunday: 10.00am – 2.00pm
Monday to Friday: 8.30am – 5.00pm.
Tuesday extra: 7.30pm – 8.15pm
Saturday: 9.30am – 5.00pm
Other enquiries: ☎ 01 475 8821
Email: shop@whitefriarstrectchurch.ie

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.

COVID-19 – DUBLIN MOVED TO LEVEL 3

As the government has taken the advice of NPHET to place Dublin in Level 3 due to Covid-19 numbers, churches in the county are closed for public Mass. Therefore, and very regrettably, Whitefriar Street Church will open as follows: the church will be open for private prayer and confession during the day, but Mass will be celebrated online only (see the front page). The Church Shop and Parish Office will also be restricted. We encourage all those who visit Whitefriar Street Church to do their bit in helping to end the spread of this virus and so keep our churches open.

REMAINING VIGILANT

While Covid-19 is a significant threat, we recommend and request that those coming to our church:

- Wear a face mask or face shield while in the building, even during Mass.
- Sanitise your hands when entering the building.
- Keep a safe distance from others and avoid crowding, particularly at the end of Mass or while 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 can 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).

CROSSCARE ANNUAL APPEAL

Crosscare is the social care outreach programme of the Archdiocese of Dublin and relies on the generosity of the people of the archdiocese. The annual collection is taken up this weekend, September 19 and 20. Donations can be made by placing a contribution in an envelope and mark it 'Crosscare' and give it in at the Church Shop. Donations can also be made online at:

<https://crosscare.ie/donate>

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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