



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

March 1, 2020
The First Sunday in
Lent

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

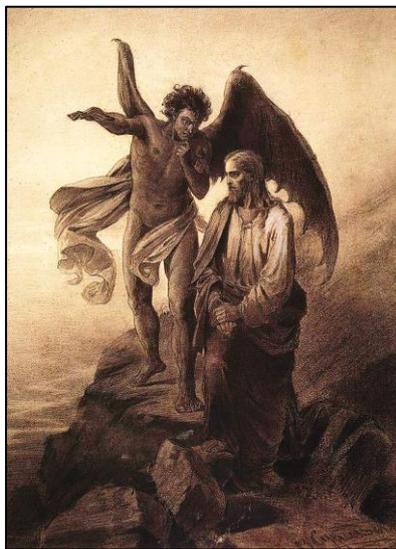
including blessing with
the Relics of St Jude and
of St Thérèse of Lisieux

Baptisms & Weddings

Contact the parish office

Living abroad?

Join us for liturgy
through our webcam.



...tempted by the devil...

The readings for the first Sunday in Lent focus on temptation, beginning with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden in the first reading, followed by the temptation of Jesus in the desert in the gospel passage. The clear contrast between these two readings is that Adam and Eve gave in to temptation because what was being offered was enticing and played on their ego, on their sense of greater self-worth. After his baptism in the River Jordan, Jesus – truly man like us – went into the desert to pray and fast before beginning his mission to proclaim the Good News. In the desert he was visited by the devil who tempted him three times with the key to each being that Jesus should cease to love God and instead place his future on earthly ideals. Jesus – unlike Adam and Eve – resisted these temptations because of his adherence to the word of God, because of his faith in God and, ultimately, because he loves God. The three temptations represented a choice between good and evil (bread), between life and death (Temple), and of power and riches (kingdoms).

Every one of us is tempted in so many ways throughout our life and it is our response to that temptation that will determine our entry to the Kingdom. Temptation presents us with a choice: we can give in and fall in to sin, or we can resist and please God following the example of Jesus. The season of Lent calls us to take stock of how we have responded in the past to temptation, to consider how we are responding in the present with the benefit of experience and wisdom, and encourages us to respond differently and better in the future. Being fully human, the Lord knows what it is like to be tempted, and so he gave us the Our Father which helps us to pray for the strength to stand steadfast in the face of temptation.

We are challenged to be faithful to God no matter how we are tempted, no matter what the choices placed before us are, no matter how much better, easier, and happier it might appear to be to do the wrong thing rather than choosing God and true life.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 2:	First Sunday in Lent
Monday 3:	First Week in Lent
Tuesday 4:	Ordinary Time – Week 7
Wednesday 5:	First Week in Lent
Thursday 6:	First Week in Lent
Friday 7:	First Week in Lent
Saturday 8:	First Week in Lent

NEW SOUND SYSTEM & ORGAN RESTORATION FUND

An important element in any church is its sound system, especially in a church as big as Whitefriar Street Church. We are conscious that many people have expressed a difficulty in hearing what is being read and said at Mass and other liturgical services. Our system is a mixture of old pieces and, in recent months, parts of the system have broken down, including the loop system which assists those with hearing aids.

Another important element in our church is our magnificent pipe organ, which was built by Kenneth Jones and is one of the very best in the city, and which has been accompanying liturgies since the 1980s. Over that time, it has lost some of its magnificence and much work now needs to be done to restore it to its former glory. This work will take some time to complete.

To help fund both of these costly projects a donation box is available at the back of the church for those who wish to contribute to these necessary works.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, March 6, is the First Friday of the month and a day when the sick and housebound are traditionally brought the Blessed Sacrament by a priest or Extra-Ordinary Minister. If there are members of the parish who are housebound and unable to attend Mass but who would like to receive the Blessed Sacrament, their name and number can be given in at the parish office and a visit can be arranged for the First Friday of the month.

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.

LENTEN TALKS – CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

On the Saturdays in Lent a series of spiritual talks will take place in the Carmelite Community Centre to help us reflect on the place of God in our lives as we prepare for Easter. Each talk is given by a different speaker – religious or lay – and each one begins at 12.00 and lasts about an hour. Admission is free and all are welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will hold their monthly collection after each of the Sunday Masses on March 7 and 8.

No matter how much individuals do through their own efforts, they cannot actively purify themselves enough to be disposed in the least degree for the divine union of the perfection of love. God must take over and purge them in that fire that is dark for them, as we will explain.

*Saint John of the Cross
Carmelite Priest, Doctor of the Church
1542 – 1591*

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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