



# Whitefriar Street Church

21st January  
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Pope's Intention for January

**For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church:** Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

## Masses

### Monday to Saturday:

8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m.,  
11.30 a.m. 1.10 p.m. & 3.00 p.m.

### Sunday:

6.00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil),  
8.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m.  
& 4.00 p.m.

*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 8.00 p.m. and will be live-streamed on our website. The blessing with the Relics of St Jude and of St Thérèse of Lisieux will take place.

## Confessions

### Monday to Friday:

10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.  
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

### Saturday

10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

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dostępna na prośbę.

## Devotions at 2.30 p.m.

**Monday:** Miraculous Medal –  
Rosary & Benediction

**Friday:** Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament – silent prayer

**Saturday:** Our Lady of Mount  
Carmel – Rosary & Benediction



## The Way of Conversion

The very first words uttered by Jesus in his public ministry are a call to conversion. There is a bedrock wisdom here. We are, all of us, unfinished creatures; none of us is yet who we were created to be. In an individualistic, feel-good culture, it is difficult to hear this message; the way of rationalization and self-justification is wide and appealing. Yet, the hard truth of our human story is that, under the conditions of sin and left to our own devices, we humans are inclined to avoid seeing ourselves as the unfinished, imperfect creatures we really are. It is far too easy to avoid the difficult personal transformations that are necessary for our authentic flourishing as God's beloved children.

The scope of God's saving mercy is without limits for those willing to receive it. This is the bold message communicated in the book of Jonah. The prophet was sent, not to the children of Israel, but to the pagan people of Nineveh. He warns them of their imminent punishment. But the Ninevites humbly recognize their need for conversion and repent—and in doing so, they find themselves drawn under the mantle of God's great mercy. The extravagance of God's mercy shocked Jonah and, presumably, the Israelites who would later hear this story.

The question for us is whether we will recognize, as the Ninevites did, that now is the hour of decision, the time of our conversion. St. Paul grasped this urgency, warning that "the world in its present form is passing away." Can we accept that genuine repentance is the way that leads to new life?

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## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18th - 25th January

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family.

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## THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday, 21st January:	Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Monday, 22nd January:	Third Week Ordinary Time
Tuesday, 23rd January:	Third Week Ordinary Time
Wednesday, 24th January:	St Francis de Sales, <i>Memorial</i>
Thursday, 25th January:	Conversion of St Paul, <i>Feast</i>
Friday, 26th January:	Sts Timothy & Titus, <i>Memorial</i>
Saturday, 27th January:	Third Week Ordinary Time



**St Francis de Sales** was born in Savoy in north-western Italy in 1567 to a noble family. He studied law at Padua but gave up the legal profession and was ordained priest in 1593. He was made a bishop in 1599 and, by 1602, was Archbishop of Geneva, Switzerland, the home of John Calvin who broke from the Roman Catholic Church in 1530. He founded the Visitation Nuns with St Jane Frances de Chantal and was noted for the great work, which brought many people back to the Catholic Church during the Reformation. He died at the age of 56 in 1622.

**Conversion of St Paul:** Paul (also known by his Jewish name Saul) was born in Tarsus in Cilicia in modern-day Turkey. He was a Pharisee which meant that he was well acquainted with both the Law and the Scriptures, which is evident in his writings. He persecuted the early Christians until he was struck down on his way to Damascus to arrest some Christians, an event commemorated on this day. In this incident, the Risen Lord appeared to Paul and from then on Paul became the greatest champion of the faith and is known as the Apostle to the Gentiles. He met with St Peter and the other Apostles in Jerusalem on a number of occasions and undertook three great missionary journeys to spread the faith. Eventually Paul ended up in Rome where, even under house arrest, he spread the faith and wrote some of the letters found in the New Testament. These letters also contain Paul's understanding of who Jesus Christ is and the importance of the death and resurrection of Christ. He was beheaded during the persecutions in the reign of Emperor Nero.



**Saints Timothy and Titus:** Timothy was a convert of Paul and joined him in his apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. During the 15 years he worked with Paul, he became one of his most faithful and trusted friends. He was sent on difficult missions - often in the face of great disturbance in local churches which Paul had founded. He was with Paul in Rome during the

latter's house arrest. At some period Timothy himself was in prison (Hebrews 13:23). Titus was also a close friend and disciple of Paul as well as a fellow missionary. He was Greek, apparently from Antioch. Even though Titus was a Gentile, Paul would not let him be forced to undergo circumcision at Jerusalem. Titus is seen as a peacemaker, administrator, great friend. Paul's "Letter to Titus" addresses him as the administrator of the Christian community on the island of Crete, charged with organizing it, correcting abuses, and appointing presbyter-bishops.

## Garden of Carmel

**O how gently and how lovingly dost thou lie awake in the depth and centre of my soul, where thou in secret and in silence alone, as its sole Lord, abidest, not only as in Thine own house or in Thine own chamber, but also as within my own bosom, in close and intimate union.**

## Saint john of the Cross



## Baptisms & Weddings

Please contact the Parish Office if you have a Baptism or Wedding booked at this time.



## Mass Office, Church Shop & General Enquiries

Monday to Saturday:

8.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Sunday

10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Items can be ordered by phone or through our online shop and they will be sent out by post. Shop and all other enquiries: (01) 475 8821  
Email:

shop@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie

Web: <https://shop.whitefriarstreet-church.com/>



## Parish Office

For certificates of Baptism,  
Confirmation and Marriage, or  
to book a Baptism or a Wedding.  
Tel: 01 475 8821 Email:  
[parish@whitefriarstreechurch.ie](mailto:parish@whitefriarstreechurch.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 ringing 01 855 0022.



## Carmelite Third Order/Lay Carmel

meet 2.00 p.m. on the Third Saturday of every month.



**Spotkania szkaplerzne w j. polskim w każdą 3 sobotę**

miesiąca o godz. 16.00.  
Rozpoczęcie spotkań 16 września.  
Eucharystia, nabożeństwo i  
konferencja. Zapraszamy Karmelici.



## REMAINING VIGILANT

**Please continue to be safe and protect each other.**



## Carmelite Community Centre

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED HELP**