



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

February 9, 2020
Fifth 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

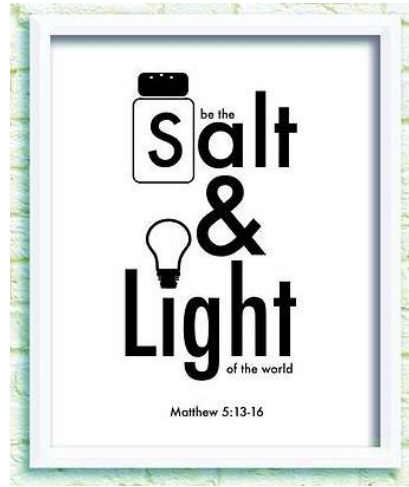
including blessing with
the Relics of St Jude and
of St Thérèse of Lisieux

Baptisms & Weddings

Contact the parish office

Living abroad?

Join us for liturgy
through our webcam.



In the gospel the Lord tells his listeners that they are the salt of the earth and light of the world. Salt can be used as a preservative and a spice – it can be used to preserve and keep something for a longer period, and it can be used to enrich or bring about a change in flavour. The Lord says that we are the salt of the earth and in that he challenges us to preserve the message of the Gospel in its truth and beauty and to bring that Good News into the lives of others. In other words, we are to add flavour to the lives of others, we are to change how they live, and change it for the better. So too with light: light pushes back the darkness and helps to bring order to chaos while providing a sense of safety. The message of the Gospel is a light in our lives to help us along the right path, but it is a light that we must share – we cannot be Christians and hide the light of that Christianity so that others can't see or benefit from it.

One of those who did this is St Valentine. Whichever story about Valentine we take, the central message is that he gave his life in defence of the truth, that truth being the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He allowed his faith in Jesus Christ to be seen by those whom he encountered, and he brought that faith into the lives of others, for which he was imprisoned and eventually killed. But his death didn't end his desire to serve God: his dedication to God has helped strengthen the faith of countless others over the intervening centuries, and for that we venerate him and ask for his intercession before God. It is possible that when Pope Gregory XVI gifted the relics of St Valentine to John Spratt, O.Carm. (founder of the current Whitefriar Street Church), he did so to encourage the faith of the people in this city and country who had struggled through religious persecution throughout the previous centuries, just like Valentine.

Bishop Michael Router will celebrate and preach at the 11.30am and 3.00pm Masses on February 14.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 9: Ordinary Time – Sunday 5
Monday 10: St Scholastica
Tuesday 11: Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday 12: Ordinary Time – Week 5
Thursday 13: Ordinary Time – Week 5
Friday 14: St Valentine
Saturday 15: Ordinary Time – Week 5

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

St Scholastica

Scholastica was born in Umbria, central Italy, in the late fifth century into a wealthy family and was the sister of St Benedict, possibly his twin. She became a nun and eventually was prioress of her monastery near Monte Cassino, on the west coast of Italy, which she ran under the direction and guidance of her brother. She died in 543 or 547.

St Valentine, Martyr

Very little is known with certainty about Valentine and this is partly because so many Christians were being martyred at that time that the record keepers couldn't keep up. He was a priest in or near Rome and he dedicated himself to the spread of the Gospel, for which he was beheaded on the Flaminia Way on the outskirts of Rome on February 14 in 269AD. During a visit to Rome in 1836, Fr John Spratt, O.Carm., was granted an audience with Pope Gregory XVI and, during the audience, the pope gave a gift of the Relics of St Valentine to Fr Spratt who placed them in Whitefriar Street Church.

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.

World Day of the Sick

On Tuesday, February 11, special Masses for the Sick will take place at 11.30am and 3.00pm. Those who are sick are invited to join us at one of those Masses. The Anointing of the Sick is intended for those who are most definitely sick, for those preparing for surgery in the coming days, or for those in danger of death, but is not intended for those who are healthy or who are suffering from a minor ailment. The sacrament loses its meaning when it is used incorrectly. The celebrant and preacher will be Fr P.J. Breen, O.Carm.

St Valentine

Friday, February 14, is the memorial of St Valentine and a special day in Whitefriar Street Church. There will be special celebrations at 11.30am and 3.00pm. This year's celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Michael Router, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh. There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament that afternoon.

Accord Annual Collection

Next Sunday, February 15 and 16, the Share Collection (red baskets) will be replaced by a special collection for Accord – The Catholic Marriage Care Service. Accord was established by the Irish Catholic Bishops in 1962 to provide support and advice for those preparing for marriage, counselling and support for those experiencing difficulties in their marriage, and a Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

Lay Carmel/Third Order

The Whitefriar Street Chapter of the Carmelite Third Order/Lay Carmel will meet at the usual time of 3.00pm on Saturday, February 15. New members are always welcome and information leaflets can be had from Peggy Molloy or from the shop.

*It's true, I suffer a great deal – but do I suffer well?
That is the question.*

*Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face
Carmelite Nun, Doctor of the Church 1873 – 1897*

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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