



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

February 21, 2021
The First Sunday of
Lent

SACRAMENTS

*Under Government
restrictions*

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*



As we begin our Lenten preparation for the celebration of Easter we are reminded of the reason behind this penitential time. We are reminded of the covenants God made with his people, of how the people broke those covenants and of how God then sought to destroy them and begin creation afresh. Nevertheless, we are also told that God will no longer destroy those who break his covenant because he has sent us the means to be saved from our sins and from death, but only if we believe.

This weekend's first reading reminds us of the Flood which was God's way of removing sinful humans from the earth and renewing or restarting his creation to its original state of purity. However, humans are a species prone to go wrong and so God tells Noah that he will never again seek to destroy the human race even if they break the covenant.

St Peter writes in the second reading that the saving of Noah by water is similar to our being baptised with water because, at baptism, the soul is washed clean and original sin is removed.

The gospel is St Mark's brief account of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness after his baptism and how he did not succumb to Satan's promises. Mark doesn't give us the detail of the temptations, as do the other evangelists, because Mark sees Jesus as being tempted right throughout the gospel, though he never gave in to those temptations. Jesus begins preaching repentance for the sake of the Kingdom because that is the way we enter heaven: through repentance we renew our souls and make ourselves acceptable for the heavenly court. We know that what awaits us is a much greater promise than awaited Noah and so we should use this time well by examining our own life and making sure that it is in keeping with the covenant.

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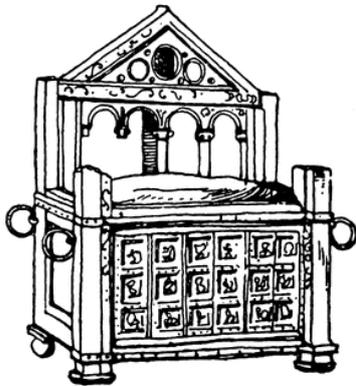
THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 21: First Sunday of Lent
Monday 22: Chair of St Peter
Tuesday 23: First Week of Lent
Wednesday 24: First Week of Lent
Thursday 25: First Week of Lent
Friday 26: First Week of Lent
Saturday 27: First Week of Lent

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

THE FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, APOSTLE

This feast has been observed in Rome since the fourth century and arose from a traditional custom at this time of the year in and around Rome of remembering the family's ancestors and those who were in charge of the family's fortunes. Today it celebrates the unity of the Church under the papacy in an unbroken line which extends back to St Peter as the first Pope – the Apostolic Succession. It also recalls the unity of faith found in the Church. The readings recall Jesus Christ's choice of Peter as the rock on which he would build the Church and to whom he would give authority to bind and loose.



MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Monday to Saturday: 9.30am – 3.00pm
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@whitefriarstrectchurch.ie
Web: <https://shop.whitefriarstrectchurch.com/>

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.

REMAINING VIGILANT

While Covid-19 is a significant threat, we strongly recommend and ask all those visiting our church to adhere to the following:

- **Wear a face mask at all times** while in the building no matter how many others are there.
- Wear a face mask when in the confessional.
- Sanitise your hands when entering the building.
- Keep a safe distance from others when seated and avoid crowding, particularly when lighting candles and visiting the Crib.
- Follow the instructions of our staff in the church and shop.

People may 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).

SAFEGUARDING

Whitefriar Street Church is run by the Order of Carmelites (O.Carm.), who take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously and employs personnel in this area. If anyone has a child protection concern, they should contact:

Ms Julie McCullough – Designated Liaison Person

Telephone: 01 298 4014 / 087 194 7212

Email: DLP@gortmuire.com

Keep this in mind: the soul that is quick to turn to speaking and conversing is slow to turn to God. For when it is turned toward God, it is then strongly and inwardly drawn toward silence and flight from all conversation. For God desires a soul to rejoice with him more than with any other person, however advanced and helpful the person may be.

*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.

Email: parish@whitefriarstrectchurch.ie

CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

☎ 01 475 4673

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