



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

January 19, 2020
Second 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

Living abroad?

Join us for liturgy through
our webcam.

**Behold, the
Lamb of God**
Who takes away the sins of the world



The gospel for this weekend comes from St John and in it we hear of John the Baptist giving Jesus the title, *'Lamb of God'*. The Fourth Gospel doesn't recount the story of the Lord's baptism, which we celebrated last week, because the community the evangelist was writing for were very familiar with the story and with so much else about the life of Jesus, unlike those for whom the other three evangelists were writing. Today's passage introduces an encounter between John and Jesus, though no conversation is recorded. John the Baptist told his own followers and those listening that Jesus was the one about whom he himself had been preaching and for whom he had been preparing the people. From here on the Baptist will begin to fade out as Jesus assumes his rightful place as the most important.

The reference to the lamb by John can refer to the Suffering Servant in the writings of the prophet Isaiah and also to the lambs which were sacrificed in the Temple at Passover to atone for the sins of the people, and which were being sacrificed while Jesus was dying on the Cross. Lambs were also the first fruits of the season just as Jesus was the first-born Son. Through his death on the Cross and his resurrection, Jesus has removed the power of sin over us and restored us to full union with God. There is also a strong connection in John's words and what Jesus will say in later chapters, about how they were both sent by the same person, and which is further strengthened in John's words about Jesus receiving the Holy Spirit.

John also referred to Jesus as the *'Chosen One of God'* and, because of our baptism and confirmation, we too are the chosen ones of God, chosen to be his sons and daughters and to witness to him as did John the Baptist.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 19: Ordinary Time – Sunday 2
Monday 20: Ordinary Time – Week 2
Tuesday 21: St Agnes
Wednesday 22: Ordinary Time – Week 2
Thursday 23: Ordinary Time – Week 2
Friday 24: St Francis de Sales
Saturday 25: Conversion of St Paul

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

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.

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.

Week of Prayer for Christianity Unity

January 18 to 25 (Feast of the Conversion of St Paul) is marked each year by prayers for Christian unity. The Christian Faith is an enormous family and within that family there are a variety of Churches and groups from worldwide Churches to small local groups. Each of these believes in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour but there are differences in interpretation, teaching, the sacraments and organisation. The Week of Prayer is a reminder that we all believe in the same Lord and that we need to work for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that there can be tremendous unity even in our diversity.

Readers of the Word

We do not have enough Readers of the Word to cover all of our Masses. If there are those currently commissioned and functioning as Readers of the Word in their own parish and who would like to assist in Whitefriar Street Church from time to time, we would be grateful if they would give their details in at the sacristy. Training and Garda Vetting will be required.

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

Helen Keller

I know now that true charity consists in bearing all our neighbours' defects – not being surprised at their weakness, but edified at their smallest virtues.

*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.
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CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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