



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

July 19, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday of
Ordinary Time

SACRAMENTS

Masses

Sundays:

AM: 8.00, 10.30

PM: 12.30, 4.00

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 or
unable to attend?
Join us for liturgy
through our webcam*



Parable of the wheat and the darnel

The gospel for this Sunday gives three more parables following on from last week's parable of the Sower. The first parable concerns weed an enemy has sown among a farmer's wheat crop. The owner's servants want to remove the weeds, but the man tells them to leave them alone until the harvest. Part of the problem was that darnel and wheat look very alike as they grow, and so the workers could easily pull up the wrong plant. Secondly, in the soil the roots could become entangled and so pulling up a weed could also pull up a good plant. This parable is a reminder that good and bad people, saints and sinners, are found in life but, while they live side by side in this life, they will be judged and separated in the next, and it is God who ultimately decides because the Kingdom belongs to him and not to us, though we are invited. Those who have lived righteously and by faith will enter the Kingdom; those who have not, will have a miserable existence for eternity. Therefore, we must have patience and perseverance in this life and not waver in the faith and not worry about those who seem to be living contrary to the Gospel.

The second and third parables concern the growth of the Kingdom. The mustard seed is small but produces a big shrub, and bread is flat unless yeast is added to make it rise. The implication is that even with a small group of faithful followers the Kingdom can grow and become something large, sheltering, and sustaining for all those who seek it. Upon hearing this gospel, we should ask ourselves whether we are the good seed or the weeds, and whether we help in the growth of the Kingdom or not. If we want others to accept the Gospel and its way of life, then we should give them an example of how it is lived and bring them with us to the Kingdom rather than trying to drive them there.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 19: Ordinary Time – Sunday 16
Monday 20: St Elijah, Prophet
Tuesday 21: Ordinary Time – Week 16
Wednesday 22: St Mary Magdalene
Thursday 23: St Bridget, Patron of Europe
Friday 24: Bl. John Soreth, Carmelite
Saturday 25: St James, Apostle

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

St Elijah the Prophet

The Prophet Elijah is the greatest of the Old Testament prophets and, with Moses, is one of the two great figures of the Hebrew Scriptures. His name means 'The Lord is my God,' and this he lived out in his life and work. He defended God as the one true God on Mount Carmel against the prophets of the false god, Baal, for which he was hunted by Queen Jezebel. Elijah is a key figure for the Carmelite Order whose early members lived beside the spring on Mount Carmel which was used by the prophet himself. His devotion to God, his prayer life, his intimate union with God are examples for Carmelites.

Blessed John Soreth, Carmelite Priest

John Soreth was born at Caen in Normandy and entered Carmel as a young man. He studied at Paris and made efforts to reform the Order. He was Prior General from 1451 until 1471 and was responsible for the Constitutions of 1462. He introduced nuns into the Order in the Netherlands in the early 1450s and promoted the Third Order. He died in 1471.

MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Sunday: 10.00am – 2.00pm
Monday to Friday: 8.30am – 5.00pm.
Tuesday extra: 7.30pm – 8.15pm
Saturday: 9.30am – 5.00pm
Other enquiries: ☎ 01 475 8821
Email: shop@whitefriarstrectchurch.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 text to 085 789 8699. For those outside the parish, please ring 01 855 0022.

KEEPING SAFE

We are still getting used to the new ways of doing things but it is essential that we all do our bit in order to protect ourselves and others and thereby shorten the time until we can return to the old normality.

The important things to remember are social distancing throughout the building; using hand sanitising gel regularly; wearing face masks in church, even during Mass; following a one-way-system coming to Holy Communion, and only receiving on the hand; avoid crowding at the end of Mass but leaving the church slowly while keeping a physical distance.

People can 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.

All of this will take getting used to, but we must make every effort if we are to remain open. We ask everyone to continue to co-operate with our sacristans and staff members in this matter.

NUMBERS ABLE TO ATTEND MASS

The current restrictions mean that we cannot accommodate the same numbers at Mass as we used to, even at funerals. There will be times when we will have to close the church gate while Mass is being celebrated. Please be understanding if our sacristans have already closed the gate when you arrive.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Due to Covid-19 many pilgrimages have been cancelled, including the Annual Carmelite Pilgrimage to Knock. However, this year's pilgrimage will take place online and will be celebrated in the parish church in Knock by the two provincials at 3.00pm on Sunday, July 26, 2020. The pilgrimage Mass will be broadcast on the Knock Shrine website: www.knockshrine.ie.

Those who guard their lips preserve their lives,
but those who speak rashly will come to ruin.

*Old Testament Book of Proverbs
15:3*

PARISH OFFICE

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