



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

January 2021
Second Sunday of
Christmas

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*

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THE WORD
WAS WITH GOD,
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GOD

The readings for the Second Sunday of Christmas speak about the Wisdom of God. The Book of Ecclesiasticus, from the writings of Ben Sirach, speaks of Wisdom dwelling in God's presence and sharing in the glory of heaven. God commanded Wisdom to come to earth and to live there in the tribe of Jacob, among the Chosen People in the city of Jerusalem (Zion).

The gospel comes from the Prologue to St John's Gospel in which the evangelist calls Jesus the Word of God. He goes further than Ben Sirach and says that Jesus is Wisdom and raises Wisdom from being simply a subject of God to being God himself. This Wisdom, this Word, has come to dwell among his people in fulfilment of the text written by Ben Sirach all those years before. Jesus is God made flesh and dwells among his people. This wisdom is the true light which enlightens all people and who brings life even as people reject him.

This same passage was read on Christmas Day, but it contains such profound thinking that is important to hear it again. Jesus was born as one of us on Christmas Day – the Incarnation – and yet there has never been a time when he did not exist. The opening words to the passage remind us of the opening words to the Book of Genesis and the creation of all that exists, and so we see that Jesus was at work in that moment, and not simply as a helper to God, but as God.

There is a sobering thought too in that the author tells us that Jesus came among his own and his own did not know him, and many refused to believe in Jesus at the time even when they saw the miracles and wonders he worked. Still today there are very many people who do not know Jesus despite all the teachings about him and all that has been written about him. It is for us as believers to bring the message of the Good News to all those who do not believe or who have forgotten their faith, beginning with our own families and neighbourhoods.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 3:	Second Sunday of Christmas
Monday 4:	Before Epiphany
Tuesday 5:	Before Epiphany
Wednesday 6:	The Epiphany of the Lord
Thursday 7:	After Epiphany
Friday 8:	St Peter Thomas
Saturday 9:	St Andrew Corsini

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

ST ANDREW CORSINI, CARMELITE & BISHOP

Andrew was born in 1302 to the well-known and noble Corsini family in Florence, Italy. His early years were far from exemplary but, after intervention by his mother, he changed his ways and became a Carmelite friar, studying in both Paris and Avignon. In 1348 he was elected Provincial of Tuscany and, a year later, was appointed Bishop of Fiesole, which he initially tried to refuse. He was particularly given to the causes of the poor and became known as 'The Apostle of Florence', and to finding peace among the divided Italian states. He died on January 6, 1374.



MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Sunday: 10.00am - 2.00pm
Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 4.00pm.
Saturday: 9.30am - 4.00pm
Tuesday extra: 7.30pm - 8.15pm
Other enquiries: ☎ 01 475 8821
Email: shop@whitefriarstrectchurch.ie
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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.

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).

This Beloved of ours is merciful and good. Besides, he so deeply longs for our love that he keeps calling us to come closer. This voice of his is so sweet that the poor soul falls apart in the face of her own inability to instantly do whatever he asks of her. ... For now, his voice reaches us through words spoken by good people, through listening to spiritual talks, and reading sacred literature. God calls to us in countless little ways all the time. Through illnesses and suffering and through sorrow he calls to us. Through a truth glimpsed fleetingly in a state of prayer he calls to us. No matter how half-hearted such insights may be, God rejoices whenever we learn what he is trying to teach us.

*St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila),
Carmelite Nun, Doctor of the Church
1515 - 1582*

PARISH OFFICE

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CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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