



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

August 23, 2020
Twenty-first 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*

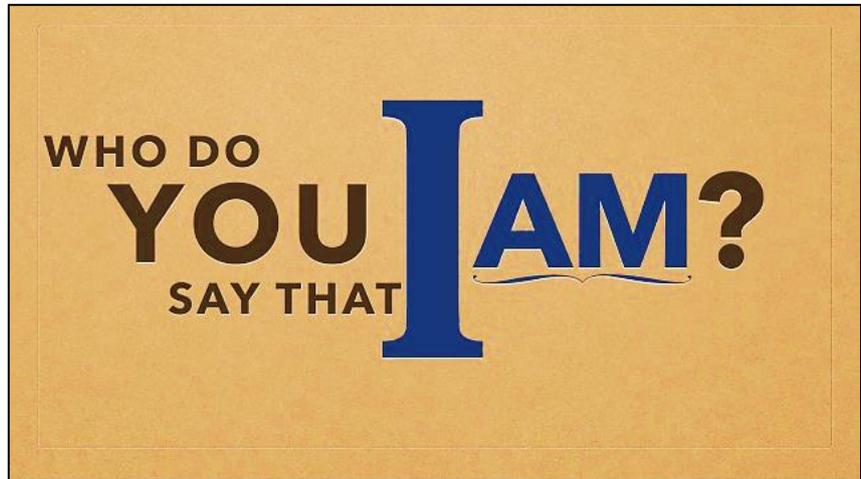
St Jude Novena Mass

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*



You are the Christ, the Son of the living God

Our gospel passage reminds us of a text we read a few Sundays ago in which the disciples, awed at the Lord's power, declared him to be the Son of God. In this weekend's passage, having ascertained that the people do not really know who he is, Jesus asks the disciples who they think he is. St Peter, as spokesman for the group, goes a step further than the earlier declaration and declares Jesus to be the Christ, that is the Anointed One, the Messiah. For this profession of faith, Peter is given the keys of the Kingdom to bind and loose and appointed the rock on which the Church is to be built.

Having been with Jesus for a few years we can understand the disciples seeing him as someone significant, someone more important than the prophets of old. Yet to go so far as to say that he is the Christ, the long-awaited Messiah, was a huge leap of faith for a Jew. We should ask ourselves every day who we believe Jesus is. We can see him as a holy man who had nice things to say, we can see him as someone who promoted peace and outreach to everyone, we can see him as someone who promoted forgiveness. But if that is all we see him as then we have missed his true identity as the Christ, the only Saviour, our only Lord and God. Even today that is still a leap of faith, but we have to make that leap and profession every day if we are to enter the Kingdom. We do not need to understand how this could be, but we must believe and place our trust in the Lord.

The disciples were told not to make the truth of the Lord's identity known just yet as the Lord wanted the people to hear the message with open ears rather than simply focusing on his identity and so risk missing the message and its implications first. The time is right for us to make known to all people that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the world's only Saviour.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 23:	Ordinary Time – Sunday 21
Monday 24:	St Bartholomew, Apostle
Tuesday 25:	Ordinary Time – Week 21
Wednesday 26:	Ordinary Time – Week 21
Thursday 27:	St Monica
Friday 28:	St Augustine
Saturday 29:	Beheading of St John the Baptist

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

Very little is known about Bartholomew apart from his being listed among the Twelve in the Synoptic Gospels. Many scholars identify him as the Nathanael who came to visit Jesus under the cover of darkness in the first chapter of St John's Gospel. Tradition holds that he preached the faith in India, though there is no evidence of this.

BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

This memorial recalls the martyrdom of St John the Baptist, his last and greatest act of witness for Jesus Christ. John was born about six months before Jesus and it was he who baptised Jesus in the River Jordan after which Jesus began his public ministry. Despite his popularity, John played down his own role and pointed his own followers in the direction of Jesus. John was arrested because of his preaching, particularly his preaching against the marriage of Herod who had married his sister-in-law while his brother Philip still lived. It was this last piece which saw him beheaded in prison without trial. John was the link between the Old and New Testaments.

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.

REMAINING VIGILANT

While Covid-19 is a significant threat, we recommend the following to those coming to our church:

- Wear a face mask or face shield while in the building, even during Mass.
- Sanitise your hands when entering the building.
- Keep a safe distance from others and avoid crowding, particularly at the end of Mass or while lighting candles.
- Receive Holy Communion on the open, clean, bare hand only.
- Follow a one-way system in coming to Holy Communion.
- Follow the instructions of our staff in the church and shop.

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 (there is no charge for the holy water).

NUMBERS ABLE TO ATTEND MASS

There will be times when we will have to close the church gate while Mass is being celebrated because of the numbers permitted to be in the building. Please be understanding if our sacristans have already closed the gate when you arrive. If attending an anniversary Mass, please arrive fifteen minutes early. For those unable to attend due to restrictions on numbers, all our Masses are livestreamed in our website.

The limitless loving devotion to God, and the gift God makes of Himself to you, are the highest elevation of which the heart is capable; it is the highest degree of prayer. The souls that have reached this point are truly the heart of the Church.

*Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Carmelite Nun & Martyr, Co-Patroness of Europe
1891 – 1942*

PARISH OFFICE

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