



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

August 30, 2020
Twenty-second
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*

**GET
THEE
BEHIND
ME
SATAN**

In the gospel for this weekend, we see Jesus telling those closest to him that he was to go to the holy city of Jerusalem where he was to suffer and die. This was something shocking for them and so Peter tried to change their path and it is understandable that Peter and his companions didn't want Jesus to die, realising that in him is to be found life and happiness. Yet, even as they believed Jesus to be the Christ, the Messiah, they had failed to understand what his mission was all about and that his death was a necessary part of that mission. They had also failed to hear the prediction of resurrection – all they heard was the suffering and death of the one for whom they had given up everything and on whom they had pinned their hopes. It is quite strange to hear Jesus calling Peter 'Satan', especially as he had just appointed Peter as the Rock on which he would build the Church.

Yet, in some ways Peter was doing the work of Satan because the work of Satan is to prevent the spread of the Gospel, to prevent people hearing about the love of God for them. The passage is a reminder to us that Satan does exist, but it also reminds us of the seriousness of our actions when they prevent the spread of the Good News which can be done in a multitude of ways.

One of the ways we can be like Satan is when we give in to the ways of this world rather than living out the values and precepts of the Gospel. When we do that, we take up a cross of our own making, one which makes life more difficult in the long run and which jeopardises our place in the Kingdom. The cross which Jesus asks us to carry is his way of life, a way of life which sees all people treated as brothers and sisters, which sees people reaching out to others in their need rather than seeking an easy life focused on me alone.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 30:	Ordinary Time – Sunday 22
Monday 31:	Ordinary Time – Week 22
Tuesday 1:	Ordinary Time – Week 22
Wednesday 2:	Ordinary Time – Week 22
Thursday 3:	Pope St Gregory the Great
Friday 4:	Ordinary Time – Week 22
Saturday 5:	Ordinary Time – Week 22

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Gregory was born about the year 540 to St Sylvia and her patrician husband, who was a Roman senator. The family was wealthy and so Gregory was well educated. Initially, Gregory went into 'politics' and, like his father, became Prefect of Rome, the highest civil office in the city, before giving it up for religious life. He initially became a monk and was later appointed papal legate to Constantinople (today's Turkish city of Istanbul). He was elected pope in 590 – the first monk elected to this office. He was tireless in his defence of the primacy of Rome and in his encouragement of monasticism and the spread of Christianity. Much of his work still has an effect on the Church today in terms of the liturgy and the discipline of the clergy which he enforced. The plainchant referred to as 'Gregorian Chant' is attributed to his efforts to enhance the liturgy and he also reformed the celebration of the Mass. He is the fourth of the Doctors of the Western Church. He died on March 12, 604.

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@whitefriarstretchurch.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

As the numbers able to be in the church at any one time are still severely restricted, 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. If attending an anniversary Mass, please arrive at least fifteen minutes early. For those unable to attend due to restrictions on numbers, all our Masses are livestreamed in our website.

DONATIONS FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE CHURCH

We thank all those who have donated to the upkeep of the church throughout this time. As the baskets are not being passed during Mass, a box is available before, during and after each Mass at the back of the church to make it easier for people to avoid crowding while making their Mass offerings. The tap and go card machine is also available and donations can also be made by card in the Church Shop. Coin and notes can still be used. Donations may also be made through our website (www.whitefriarstretchurch.ie).

PARISH OFFICE

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CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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