



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

May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of
Easter

SACRAMENTS

Private Prayer

Monday to Saturday:
11.00am to 2.30pm.
Sunday:
11.00am to 3.30pm

Masses

Mass will be available
live through our website
each day as follows:

Monday to Saturday:
8.00am, 10.00am,
3.00pm
Sunday:
8.00am, 10.00am,
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. Petitions can
still be sent in by post or
email. The blessing with
the Relics of St Jude and
of St Thérèse of Lisieux
will take place.

Confessions

Monday to Saturday:
11.00am to 12.30pm

Baptisms & Weddings

Contact the parish office.

Join us for liturgy
through our webcam

**Obedience
to God is an
Expression
of our Love
for God.**

Our gospel passage for the Sixth Sunday of Easter comes from the Lord's instruction to the disciples during the Last Supper. It begins and ends with the Lord reminding them that love of him is an essential part in the keeping and living out of his commandments, while those who act out of love will find it easier to live as Jesus wants them to live and to undergo whatever trials may come their way. To help the believer in this, and as a reward for belief, Jesus will send the Holy Spirit – *'another Advocate'* – so that he can always be with his faithful even though he is physically gone from them.

In our day, the Advocate is still with us to strengthen us in the faith and to keep us faithful to the way of life the Lord asks us to live. However, a key element necessary is that we love the Lord and his way and so open ourselves to the Spirit who will guide us along the path until we achieve full union with God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Surprisingly, the Lord told the disciples that this *'Spirit of truth'* he would gift to them could never be received by the world. This seems a rather strange thing for Jesus to say – that he would give such a wonderful gift to some and not to others. And yet the gift of the Spirit is given to the whole world but the world cannot receive it because receiving involves acceptance and openness to the gift being given. The world rejects the truth of Jesus Christ in so many ways and so the gift of the Spirit cannot be fully received because the message is rejected. The world also rejects the gift because the gift calls for conversion and transformation and there are many who have become too comfortable in their own ways to wish to change to a way of living which, in reality, is far more life-giving than we find at present. Love of God means being open to his gifts and a willingness to let those gifts become a living part of our lives, informing our lives and decisions for the better.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Monday 18: Sixth Week of Easter
Tuesday 19: Sixth Week of Easter
Wednesday 20: Sixth Week of Easter
Thursday 21: Sixth Week of Easter
Friday 22: Sixth Week of Easter
Saturday 23: Sixth Week of Easter

PRAYER...

The worst thing we can say about prayer is that it is a trivial exercise – saying a few words or channelling one's thoughts in a particular direction. Authentic prayer is not that. It is usually difficult. This is not because it takes great expertise or is reserved to an elite, but because it takes a lot of courage. To pray well I must first find out where I am. Self-knowledge is never procured cheaply. To pray well I need to face up to realities about myself that I would prefer to ignore: my anxieties, fears, private griefs, failures, lovelessness, my utter lack of resources. To accept the truth about what I am, as also the truth about other human beings, demands courage. If I do not pray well, it is usually because I lack that kind of courage.

Once I have confronted and accepted – as far as possible – that I am a needy person, the act of turning toward God is relatively easy. It is not faith in God that is hard, but the renunciation of illusory faith in myself.

Michael Casey, OCSO: 'Toward God – The Ancient Wisdom of Western Prayer'. Page 5.

MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

When the Mass Office is closed, Mass cards can be ordered by telephoning 01 472 0927 and they will be sent out by post.

Other enquiries:

☎ 01 475 8821

Email: shop@whitefriarstrecthurch.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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL URGENT FUNDRAISING APPEAL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) has launched an urgent fundraising appeal as it expects calls for help in the coming weeks to escalate.

Last year the Society helped over 160,000 people and families and had expected that figure to rise by about 10% this year. But now it believes that figure will be well exceeded from new people who find themselves struggling financially as a result of losing their jobs or living on reduced income due to the necessary restrictions to combat the spread of Covid-19.

With income drastically reduced from the closure of its 234 shops, and the cancellation of church-gate and shopping centre collections, the Society is now seeking public support with an urgent appeal for funds to allow it provide the increased volume it is expecting.

Donations can be made online at www.svp.ie/donate, by telephone (0818 176 176), or leave an envelope in the church or Mass Office marked 'St Vincent de Paul'.

TAP AND GO CARD MACHINE

As more and more people prefer to use cards or their mobile phone to pay for items and carry less cash, a simple tap and go machine has been installed at the back of the church. Those who prefer to use cards, Apple Pay or Google Pay can use the machine to donate to the church, contribute to the Mass collections, or pay for candles.

Every true prayer is a prayer of the Church; by means of that prayer the Church prays, since it is the Holy Spirit living in the Church, Who in every single soul 'prays in us with unspeakable groanings'.

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

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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