



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

April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday of the
Lord's Passion

SACRAMENTS

In keeping with the Government and H.S.E. restrictions of March 27, Whitefriar Street Church will remain closed until April 12 at the earliest.

HOLY WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

April 5: Palm Sunday
Mass at 8.00am, 10.00am, 4.00pm

Monday to Wednesday
Mass at 8.00am, 10.00am, 3.00pm
Tuesday – St Jude Novena at 8.00pm

April 9: Holy Thursday
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5.30pm

April 10: Good Friday
Stations of the Cross at 12 noon
Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

April 11: Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil at 8.30pm

April 12: Easter Sunday
Mass at 8.00am, 10.00am, 4.00pm

All of the above will be broadcast live through our website

Baptisms & Weddings
Contact the parish office

Join us for liturgy through our webcam.



The readings for Palm Sunday all point to the person of Jesus Christ. While Palm Sunday recalls the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, it is also the beginning of the end of his earthly life and gives us a contrast which helps us to focus on what is to happen later this week. The entry into the holy city was triumphant, and yet the week would end with death. Palm Sunday, therefore, is at once both joyful while also setting a very sombre tone for the days to come.

The Passion text from St Matthew opens with Judas going to the chief priests and offering to bring Jesus to them. In the text, two men will die: Judas who realised his sin but failed to have hope; and Jesus who not only hoped and trusted in the Father but is the source of all hope and through whom sin is forgiven. The text ends with the guard being sent to watch over the tomb.

Seeing the Christ suffer for us helps us to carry our sufferings for him. Between today's reading of the Passion and that on Friday next – Good Friday – we have a final opportunity to reflect on the history-changing events which are about to happen and of their significance for each and every one of us and for our salvation.

The Jewish way of remembering significant events wasn't simply to recall a moment of history in the distant past, but was to bring that moment alive in the present as if it were happening in the here and now and we were all participants. In these days, let us become witnesses to the great and key events which take place this week, events which unfolded so that we could have eternal life with the Father.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 5:	Palm Sunday
Monday 6:	In Holy Week
Tuesday 7:	In Holy Week
Wednesday 8:	Spy Wednesday
Thursday 9:	Holy Thursday
Friday 10:	Good Friday
Saturday 11:	Holy Saturday

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Paschal Triduum commemorates the three key days which restored us to union with God. In the Jewish sense of remembrance, we don't simply recall an event in the past like another moment of history. Instead, we remember by placing ourselves in that moment of history and try to experience in our own way what the witnesses experienced all those years ago, but which still has such significance for us today.

There is one solemn liturgy for the Triduum, but which has three parts: we begin on Holy Thursday by remembering what took place at that Passover meal in the Upper Room. There is no blessing or dismissal at the end of that liturgy: after removing the Blessed Sacrament from the sanctuary we depart in silence into the evening, as the disciples did. We resume the liturgy in the sombre mood of Good Friday without the usual opening greeting and again without a dismissal or blessing at the end. The great liturgy resumes and ends in the darkness of Holy Saturday and reminds us that the Lord triumphed over the powers of darkness. All is joyous once more and there is a solemn blessing and joyful dismissal to end these three great days.

CHURCH SHOP, MASS OFFICE & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

The Mass Office will remain closed until restrictions are eased.

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@whitefriarstreetchurch.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.

Donations for our church

All donations to maintain our church during these days are gratefully received and acknowledged and the donors are remembered in our prayers.

Thank you to all those who have sent in messages of support and gratitude for our services through our website.

Trócaire Lenten Appeal

Traditionally people return their Trócaire boxes to their local church during Holy Week. With churches closed that is a difficulty and yet the work of Trócaire still needs income, however small. Trócaire boxes can be left in once the church re-opens. In the meantime, those who wish to support the work of Trócaire can make a donation at www.trocaire.org/donate. Cheques can also be sent to us at Whitefriar Street Church and we will pass them all to Trócaire.

Covid-19

We continue to pray for all of our frontline staff who are under increased pressure at this time, especially those in the medical profession. We pray too for all those who have been infected, that they may have a full and swift recovery. We commend to the Lord those who have died, that he may welcome them into the Kingdom and bring comfort to their families.

Please remember that many older and vulnerable people are more isolated than normal at this time. Please give them a phone call and see how they are doing.

Let nothing disturb you.
Let nothing frighten you.
Everything passes away except God.
Patience achieves everything.

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

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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