

WHITEFRIAR STREET CHURCH

The Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Shrine of Saint Valentine, Dublin 2

November 1, 2020 Solemnity of All Saints Day

SACRAMENTS

(As Dublin is at Level 5)

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 Iude 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



November – Remembering our Beloved Dead

During pre-Christian times, it was common for pagans to celebrate rituals related to their dead at the end of the harvest in late autumn. These customs very possibly influenced Christians to do the same. The month of November has traditionally been dedicated to the theme of death and of those who have died. The month begins with the feast of All Saints on November 1, and the next day with the feast of All Souls.

The theme of death for November fits the natural atmosphere of the month in the northern hemisphere. The harvest is completed, a dying becomes evident throughout nature, cold weather and a hint of winter become prevalent, and the dark night becomes more pervasive.

(From: Catholic Customs & Traditions)

As Catholic Christians we move beyond the mere fact of dying so that our remembrance for the dead is not something which plunges us into an ever-downward spiral of unending grief. In nature we see that after the winter there comes a regrowth and a rebirth, and so we remember not with unending grief but with eternal hope. When we die in this life, our physical body dies but our immortal soul lives on. We pray earnestly in the month of November that all those who have died will be resurrected into eternal life in the Kingdom, to join the Communion of Saints, the communion of all those who completed their time of purification in Purgatory and have been welcomed into the Kingdom.

God alone decides that entry because his standards and judgements are different than ours. Therefore we pray, even after death, that the Lord will be merciful to those who have died and will welcome them into heaven. We pray that all who have died will one day be celebrated on the feast of All Saints. All of this reminds us that this lies in our future also: we too will one day die and follow the path our loved ones have taken. That means that death is not the end of our connection with them but that we can be reunited with them once again.

Praying to the saints reminds us that they are alive and living in God's presence, and so it is right and proper that we should pray for our beloved dead that they who are still alive may one day live in the presence of God.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 1: All Saints

Monday 2: All Souls

Tuesday 3: St Malachy

Wednesday 4: St Charles Borromeo

Thursday 5: Ordinary Time – Week 31

Friday 6: All Saints of Ireland

Saturday 7: Ordinary Time – Week 31

PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR THE DECEASED IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the need to avoid large groups from forming where prohibited, the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the dead by those who visit a cemetery has been extended throughout the month of November 2020, and can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed.

Anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, including Covid-19 restrictions, can obtain the Plenary Indulgence for their deceased loved ones and the dead by 'uniting themselves spiritually to other members of the faithful'. In this case, the condition of being 'completely detached from sin' and the intention of completing the other requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence remain. These requirements are Sacramental Confession when it is possible (until then a Perfect Act of Contrition is made), reception of Holy Communion when public Mass is once again possible, and a prayer for the Holy Father's intentions.

MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP &

GENERAL ENQUIRIES – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sunday: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 4.00pm.

Saturday: 9.30am - 4.00pm

Other enquiries: 2 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.

REMAINING VIGILANT

While Covid-19 is a significant threat, we recommend and ask all those visiting our church to adhere to the following:

- Wear a face mask 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 while lighting candles.
- 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).

ONLINE SHOP

Our new online shop is now available and items can be ordered and sent out to anywhere in Ireland or around the world. To see what is available or to place an order, please visit:

https://shop.whitefriarstreetchurch.com/

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD

Throughout the month of November, we remember and pray in particular for all those who have died, that the Lord in his mercy may welcome them to the heavenly banquet. Sheets are available in Calvary for those who wish to write the names of their deceased loved ones. These sheets can be placed in the box by the table at the back of the benches, from where they will be placed before the altar.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society normally takes up a collection once a month but has been unable to do so or to carry out visitations due to the pandemic. However, those seeking help from the Society has increased during this time. Donations or requests for help can be made at any time to the Society of St Vincent de Paul through the Society's website:

https://www.svp.ie/

PARISH OFFICE

For certificates of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or to book a baptism or a wedding.

2 01 475 8821

Email: parish@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie

CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

2 01 475 4673

Email: info@carmelitecommunitycentre.com