



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

October 27, 2019
Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

SACRAMENTS

Masses

Sundays:

Vigil 6.00pm

AM: 8.00, 10.30, 11.30

PM: 12.30, 4.00, 7.00

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:

10.30-11.30; 3.00-4.00

Saturdays:

10.30-12.30, 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

Tuesdays at 8.00pm

including blessing with the
Relics of St Jude and of St
Thérèse of Lisieux

Living abroad?

Join us for liturgy through
our webcam.



The Pharisee and the tax collector

This weekend's gospel passage again reminds us to be humble before God, but it also reminds us to be honest before God. The main characters are the tax collector and the Pharisee: one is despised as a traitor to his own people, the other yields enormous power and influence over the people; one is fully aware of his standing in the eyes of God, the other uses God for his own ends and tells God how to see him; one is humble, the other is arrogant and self-righteous. The passage is a reminder that each one of us has both the tax collector and the Pharisee within us.

In his approach, the Pharisee assumed that in praising his own virtues he was praising God but, in fact, he was praising himself and had become totally self-sufficient and was judging, not with God's mercy, but by his own opinion. He used the tax collector to highlight his own perfection but also branded all humans other than himself as '*grasping, unjust, adulterous*' (Luke 18:11), setting himself above all others as an example of flawlessness. In total contrast, the tax collector didn't even dare lift his eyes to God because he knew he was a sinner, and this he confessed before God and asked for mercy from the One who is the source of all mercy. One man knew God while the other had forgotten who God was and that God knows all things. Only the one who was humble and honest was at rights with God.

Quite often we are like the Pharisee and tell God how good we are and how big an effort we make and how much better we are than others. At times we expect God to answer our prayers because of how good we believe ourselves to be. The parable reminds us that only those who are humble before God and acknowledge their true standing will be at rights with him.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 27: Ordinary Time – Sunday 30
Monday 28: St Simon & St Jude, Apostles
Tuesday 29: Ordinary Time – Week 30
Wednesday 30: Ordinary Time – Week 30
Thursday 31: Ordinary Time – Week 30
Friday 1: All Saints
Saturday 2: All the Faithful Departed

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, the Apostles

Very little is actually known about these two apostles. Simon, known as 'the Zealous', is named in the list of the Twelve. Jude (Thaddeus) is believed to be the brother of James the Less and also the author of the epistle which bears his name. Tradition holds that Simon and Jude were martyred together in Persia (modern-day Iran), but there is no proof for this. In our church, the Novena to St Jude takes place every Tuesday evening at 8.00, and those present are blessed with the relic of St Jude.

Solemnity of All Saints

On November 1 we celebrate not only the publicly canonised saints but also all those who have reached eternal life with the Lord, including our deceased relatives and friends who have died and are counted among the Communion of Saints. There are not enough days in the year to individually commemorate all the saints of the Church and so November 1 is a way in which we can commemorate all of them across the entire Church, and not just in local places.

CHURCH SHOP, MASS OFFICE & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Sunday: 10.00am – 2.00pm
Monday to Friday: 8.30am – 5.00pm.
Tuesday extra: 7.30pm – 8.15pm
Saturday: 9.30am – 6.00pm
☎ 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.

Bank Holiday

Monday, October 28, is a bank holiday. Therefore, there will only be two Masses in our church that morning: 10.00 and 11.30. The church will close at noon. There will be no confessions that day.

All Saints & All Souls

Friday, November 1, is a holy day as we celebrate All Saints. Masses are as normal with the addition of Mass at 6.00pm that day. Saturday, November 2, Masses are as normal as we commemorate all those who have died.

Remembering our 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 at the back of the church 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. The annual Mass for those whose funerals took place in our church over the last year will take place at 6.00pm on Saturday, November 23.

Thanks

The special collection taken up last week to support the work of the Missions amounted to €1,241.30. We thank you for your generosity to the work of the missions and throughout the year to our own missions in Zimbabwe.

God knows best what is needful for us, and all that He does is for our good. If we knew how much He loves us, we should always be ready to receive equally and with indifference from His Hand the sweet and the bitter: all would please that came from Him. The sorest afflictions never appear intolerable, except when we see them in the wrong light.

*Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection,
Carmelite Friar
1614-1691*

PARISH OFFICE

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