



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

May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of
Easter

SACRAMENTS

Masses

Mass is not celebrated publicly in our church at this time.

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

Those whose names were enrolled for Mass will still be remembered on the day, though not at the time originally intended. Names may still be added.

St Jude Novena

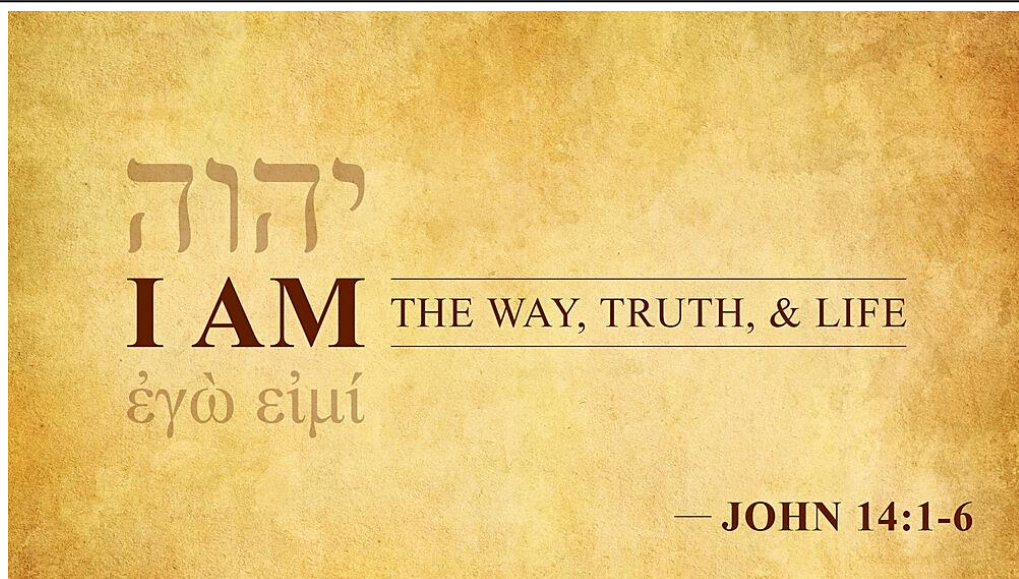
This continues to be celebrated on Tuesdays at 8.00pm and will be livestreamed in our website. Petitions can still be sent in by post or email. The blessing with the Relics of St Jude and of St Thérèse of Lisieux will take place.

Baptisms & Weddings

Contact the parish office.

The church is open for private prayer each day from 11.00am to 2.15pm.

Join us for liturgy through our webcam.



In the gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, we see Jesus teaching his disciples during the Last Supper and he makes it clear that belief and trust in him are essential for his followers. Jesus says that he is the Way, the Truth and the Life which means that he is more than a mere guide towards heaven – he is also the source of life and truth. The Lord says that to have seen him is to have seen the Father, which emphasises the unity of God in the Trinity. Still, the disciples – particularly Thomas and Philip – were somewhat unsure and so Jesus told them to consider all of his teachings because they have come from God the Father who sent him into the world to proclaim this message. Jesus also spoke about heaven and, in saying that the disciples could follow him there, he was suggesting that they too would share in the resurrection he would undergo after his crucifixion, as would all those who die believing in him.

Again, as we had last week, Jesus spoke of himself with the words 'I am' recalling God speaking to Moses at the burning bush. It is clear that the bond between Jesus and the Father is more than just that of a servant doing what his master sent him to do, and more than the connection between a father and his child. Jesus and the Father are one and the same and Jesus tells the disciples that he is in the Father and the Father is in him, and that the Father is living in him.

We are challenged to believe in Jesus and to look to the foundations of that faith – his teaching and his works – to strengthen our own faith in these times.

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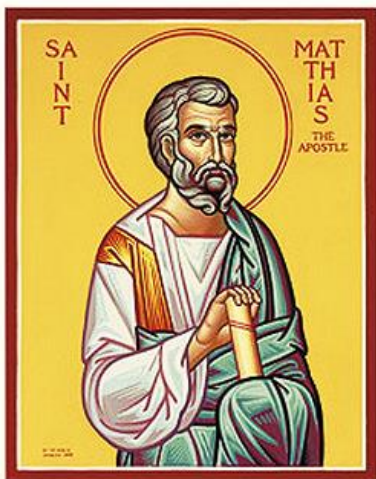
THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 10:	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Monday 11:	Fifth Week of Easter
Tuesday 12:	Fifth Week of Easter
Wednesday 13:	Fifth Week of Easter
Thursday 14:	St Matthias, Apostle
Friday 15:	Fifth Week of Easter
Saturday 16:	Fifth Week of Easter

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Very little is known about St Matthias except that he is the one who was chosen by the Eleven after the Resurrection to take the place of Judas Iscariot. He appears to have spent time working in Judaea before going east to Cappadocia in central Turkey. He is believed to have been martyred at Colchis, to the east of the Black Sea, and his relics later brought to Rome by St Helena.



CHURCH SHOP, MASS OFFICE & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

While 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@whitefriarstrectchurch.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.

Covid-19 and Re-opening the Church

It is a great relief to us to have been able to open our church to the public again this week, but only on the basis that we can regularly sanitise the church and the surfaces people might touch. While the church will be open for a few hours every day for private prayer, we are still unable to open for public gatherings for Mass and other forms of worship (Rosary, devotions, etc).

Very many people would like to be able to attend Mass and to receive the Blessed Sacrament. As can be seen from the way in which we have had to close off benches, gathering for Mass and other worship would bring in more people than is safe at this time. Social distancing is going to be with us into next year and we need to get used to that and cut down the spread of the coronavirus before we can begin to gather again safely. All going well, public Mass will again be celebrated after July 20, but we can still pray and ask the Lord to help things improve much sooner.

Where Confession is available, it will take place in the normal way but in a different room.

Funerals will also be very different as there will be restrictions on the number of people attending. Yet that will not take from the dignity of a funeral in our church, which be available through our webcam.

We ask all our visitors to be patient and to see that this is for the safety and protection of everyone who comes through our doors.

May the Lord lay His hand on all that I do so that it may be in accordance with His holy will; this is always my desire, although my actions may be as imperfect as I myself am.

*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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