



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

August 11, 2019
Nineteenth 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

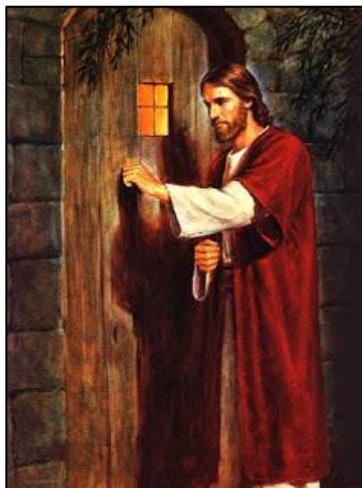
St Jude Novena

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.*



Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes.

In our gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to always stand ready and he uses different examples to re-enforce the point. He tells them that if their treasure is to be found in worldly possessions then their heart will be there too rather than focused on the things of heaven where it belongs. Jesus tells them that they are responsible for the things and people that are placed in their care, and in this he includes the Good News of the Kingdom.

The stewards in the second part of the text refer to those who have a service of authority in the Christian community, or the Church, and of the great expectation that rests on their shoulders. They, too, are not exempt from punishment and so they should do all they can to nourish the faith of the people and to do nothing which would bring scandal to the group or hinder the community's growth in faith. As baptised Christians we each have a duty to spread the Good News of the Kingdom in our own small corner of the world in whatever way we can.

An important point which the Lord brings out today is that we do not know when we will be called to give an account of our lives and our stewardship. We know the day of our birth and we celebrate it every year, we know the date for Christmas and New Year, the dates for our holidays and so much more, but we don't know the day when we will leave this world and those we hold dear. When we die, we will go before the Lord and account for how we lived our life and that account is what will gain us entry to the Kingdom or see us left outside. Others will gather to remember us and will recount the good things about us and why they think we should go straight to heaven, but it is the Lord's judgment alone which will see us enter or not. Therefore, we have to be always ready and that means living a good life at all times, living out the Gospel values every day, acknowledging that we do believe in Jesus Christ, praying to the Father and attending the sacraments regularly.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 11: Ordinary Time – Sunday 19
Monday 12: Ordinary Time – Week 19
Tuesday 13: Ordinary Time – Week 19
Wednesday 14: St Maximilian Kolbe
Thursday 15: Assumption of Our Lady
Friday 16: Ordinary Time – Week 19
Saturday 17: Our Lady of Knock

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

Maximilian was born in 1894 near Lodz, in central Poland (then part of Russia). He became a Franciscan in 1910 and both his parents also entered religious orders. He founded a Franciscan community in Japan in 1930 and returned to Europe in 1936. With the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939, he and his community gave shelter to Poles and Jews who were being rounded up by the Nazi regime. For this he was imprisoned in the Auschwitz Concentration Camp in southern Poland, where he ministered to his fellow prisoners. In reprisal for an escape by some prisoners, the camp authorities took ten men to be starved to death, one of which came from Maximilian's bunker. Maximilian volunteered to take the man's place and so was deprived of food for two weeks. He was eventually put to death by lethal injection on August 14, 1941. He was canonized by his fellow countryman, Pope John Paul II, in 1982. Among those at the canonization was the man whose life he had saved by his heroic act in 1941.

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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday next, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holy day of obligation. Masses will be as normal for that day with the addition of a 6.00 Mass on Thursday evening.

This prayer has never been known to fail...

At times we will come across leaflets left behind in a church declaring that this prayer 'has never been known to fail', that this prayer should be said at the same time every day for a set number of days, that the person using the prayer should leave a certain number of copies of the prayer in a church every day for a set number of days and, when all of this has been done properly, then their prayer will be answered. These are to be completely ignored and disregarded. If such a prayer definitely worked and never failed no matter what was being asked for, then no other prayer would ever need to have been written and the sacraments would be of little or no use. Leaving leaflets in a church is not a condition or a bribe to get God to answer our prayers but has the effect of further upsetting and stressing those who are in need of prayer or who may be struggling with faith. If we wish to be blessed in the eyes of God then we live the life he has indicated for us in the Gospels, we pray and strengthen our faith life through the sacraments.

No one in the world can change Truth. What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it. The real conflict is the inner conflict. Beyond armies of occupation and the victims of extermination camps, there are two irreconcilable enemies in the depth of every soul: good and evil, sin and love. And what use are the victories on the battlefield if we ourselves are defeated in our innermost personal selves?

*Saint Maximilian Kolbe,
Franciscan Priest & Martyr
1894 – 1941*

PARISH OFFICE

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