



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

September 8, 2019
Twenty-third 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

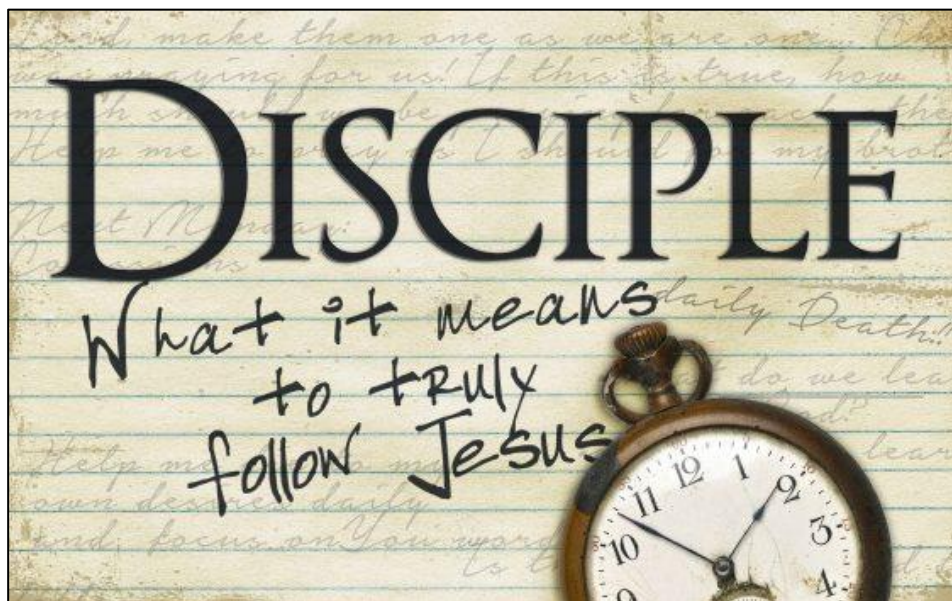
St Jude Novena

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.



In the gospel passage from St Luke, the Lord was on the way to Jerusalem and as he neared the city the crowd following him grew larger and, as they walked along, he spoke to them and taught them.

In the first part of the text, Jesus told the people that they were to hate father and mother if they were to be worthy of him. This is quite a striking statement, but the Lord was not asking the people to actually hate their father and mother, but to see them as being secondary to faith in him, to deep faith in Jesus Christ. The Lord must come first in all things if the people were to enter the Kingdom, if we ourselves are to enter the Kingdom.

The second part of the text contains two parables in which Jesus exhorted the people to consider the cost of faith in him before they decided to follow him. Being a disciple is a good and positive thing, but it requires a commitment which is lifelong and can never be relinquished. Jesus was suggesting that it was better to not become his disciple at all rather than become his disciple and then fall away when trials or some other enticement came along. The passage concludes with Jesus telling the people that they had to give up all they possessed if they were to be his disciples.

The text is not simply a command to get rid of everything we own: the Lord is reminding us that being a Christian demands a total commitment to him and so – for the sake of the Kingdom – we must overcome all attachment to our possessions and to those people who are dearest to us, to put in their proper place all those people and things which distract us from a deeper and more personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 8:	Ordinary Time – Sunday 23
Monday 9:	St Ciaran
Tuesday 10:	Ordinary Time – Week 23
Wednesday 11:	Ordinary Time – Week 23
Thursday 12:	Ordinary Time – Week 23
Friday 13:	St John Chrysostom
Saturday 14:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This feast celebrates three things: the first is the finding of the relics of the True Cross in 326 in an expedition led by St Helen (Helena, who was, for a time, wife of Emperor Constantius and mother of Emperor Constantine I – the first emperor to become a Christian); the second is the dedication of the churches at the site of the Holy Sepulchre in 335, which encompassed the Mount of Calvary and the tomb where the Lord was placed; and, finally, the return of the True Cross to Jerusalem in 629 by Emperor Heraclius II after the city had been liberated from the Persians. More importantly still, and outside of the Easter Season, this annual feast is a chance for us to reflect on the significance of the Cross in our lives and of the redemption which Christ won for us by his death and resurrection. It is only through his death on the Cross and his resurrection from the dead that we are saved and only this gives meaning to the other celebrations throughout the liturgical year.

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.

Crosscare Annual Collection

The annual collection taken up last week for Crosscare amounted to €1,547.15. We thank you for your continued generosity to the special collections in Whitefriar Street Church.

Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The annual Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from September 24-29, 2019. Bookings can be made through Joe Walsh Tours. Information can also be had from the parish office.

Culture Night

Whitefriar Street Church will be taking part in the annual Culture Night events. The church will remain open on Friday, September 20, until 9.00pm.

September 8 – Our Lady's Day

On September 8, we mark the birthday of Our Lady. In Whitefriar Street Church we mark the day as the memorial of Our Lady of Dublin. The beautiful marble shrine of Our Lady of Dublin was originally the Lady Chapel in the 1844 expansion of the church and, in 1915, the statue of Our Lady of Dublin was placed here permanently. The statue – in Irish oak – is thought to date back to the sixteenth century and was discovered by Fr John Spratt, O.Carm. – who established the current church – and acquired it for Whitefriar Street Church. The statue is sometimes referred to as a Black Madonna because of its colour.

Much harm may result from bad company and we are inclined by nature to follow what is worse rather than what is better.

*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.
Monday to Friday: 9.00am – 1.00pm
☎ 01 475 8821
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CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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