



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

August 18, 2019
Twentieth 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*

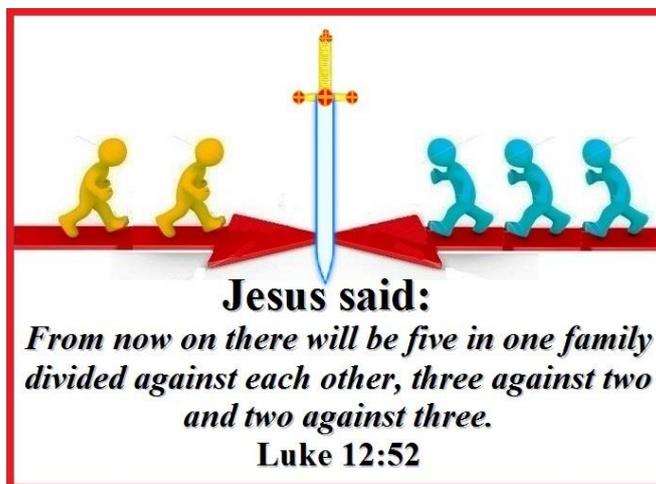
St Jude Novena

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 Old Testament times, the prophets listened to the word of God and brought that word to the people. At times, some of the prophets told the people what the people themselves wanted to hear, which was the case at the time of Jeremiah, who didn't belong to the usual class of prophets but who was called directly by God. Jeremiah spoke words that the king and people did not want to hear and, ultimately, Jeremiah died for this. Yet the message that Jeremiah preached is the one that came true because the word of God is not false and cannot be avoided.

The gospel passage presents the idea of division and of not compromising the word of God in any way. Jesus told his disciples that he did not come to bring peace but division, which seems to fly in the face of all that we have ever heard about Jesus Christ and his message of peace and love. We can easily think of examples – such as sectarian violence in Northern Ireland over so many years – to begin to understand what Jesus might be hinting at. Yet in this example we have people who believe in Jesus wanting to impose their own version of the Gospel on everyone else, whereas the greater division is between those who wish to believe and those who deny the faith or the existence of God, between those who choose life and those who choose death. This struggle is felt most strongly in families, with those whose love and understanding we rely on most. Jesus, like the prophet Jeremiah, didn't compromise or water down his message for the sake of an easier life or of getting more people to follow him, and, like Jeremiah, he too was rejected for his message. Only by following his ways and remaining firm in the faith, even in the face of opposition, can we walk the path of righteousness which leads to eternal life.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 18: Ordinary Time – Sunday 20
Monday 19: Ordinary Time – Week 20
Tuesday 20: St Bernard
Wednesday 21: Pope St Pius X
Thursday 22: Ordinary Time – Week 20
Friday 23: Queenship of Mary
Saturday 24: St Bartholomew

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

Pope St Pius X

Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto was born in north-east Italy in 1835 and was ordained priest in 1858. He was made Bishop of Mantua in Lombardy, northern Italy, in 1884, and eight years later was created Cardinal Patriarch of Venice. In 1903, he was elected Pope taking the name Pius. During his pontificate, he urged daily Communion and facilitated the Communion of children and the sick as well as other reforms in the liturgy, canon law and the Roman Curia. He encouraged Bible reading and tackled Modernism. During his lifetime, miracles were also attributed to him. He died two weeks after the outbreak of World War I in 1914 and was canonized forty years later.

St Bartholomew the Apostle

Very little is known about Bartholomew apart from his being listed among the Twelve in the Synoptic Gospels. Many scholars identify him as the Nathanael who came to visit Jesus under the cover of darkness in the first chapter of St John's Gospel. Tradition holds that he preached the faith in India, though there is no evidence of this.

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
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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.

Applause

It has become common for congregations to applaud at the end of Mass, and yet when we look at it carefully it only takes place where there has been singing led by a cantor or choir – at other times there is no applause. Whether there is singing or not, whether there is music or not, the celebration is the same: the Lord's command to 'Do this in remembrance of me' (Luke 22:19) is being fulfilled as we commemorate his sacrifice for us. When we applaud at certain Masses, we have missed the point of the liturgy and it suggests that the Lord is not the central focus for us, but that we see it as a performance by a group of people. It is proper, therefore, that there be no applause at the end of Mass or a liturgical celebration. This is not to say that we don't show appreciation for the contribution to the liturgy of a group of people, but it is not correct to single out one person or one group for appreciation and not others, and it is also not the appropriate way to show our appreciation.

We should fix ourselves firmly in the presence of God by conversing all the time with Him...we should feed our soul with a lofty conception of God and from that derive great joy in being his. We should put life in our faith. We should give ourselves utterly to God in pure abandonment, in temporal and spiritual matters alike, and find contentment in the doing of His will, whether he takes us through sufferings or consolations.

*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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