



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

March 15, 2020  
The Third Sunday of  
Lent

**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:*

AM: 10.30-11.30

PM: 3.00-4.00

*Saturdays:*

AM: 10.30-12.30

PM: 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*

**Baptisms & Weddings**

*Contact the parish office*

*Living abroad?*

*Join us for liturgy  
through our webcam.*



*The Samaritan Woman at the well*

The story of the Woman at the Well is found in today's gospel passage. Jesus is alone when the woman comes to the well outside the town to draw water and he speaks to her of 'living water', and in this he was referring to himself. As they talked, Jesus made it clear that even though he had never met this woman before, he knew a lot about her and her relationships and how she was living. During their conversation, this unnamed woman came to the conclusion that this stranger was the Messiah, which was an enormous leap to make. She then hurried back to the town to bring the people to Jesus and, in this way, she became a missionary of the Gospel. The people of the town listened to what she had to say and they believed her words but that belief was copperfastened by their experience of Jesus for themselves when they came out to the well to see him. The episode also showed how important it was for Jesus to bring his message to all peoples because, in his day, the Samaritans were not considered 'proper Jews' because they did not worship in the Temple in Jerusalem.

Jesus knew the woman's life story and wanted her to be whole again. He spoke with her and showed her the way to true life through acknowledging her past and letting her see his love and concern for her. The Lord knows our whole life story and he wants us to be whole also, but an essential part of that is that we acknowledge our own life story – the not so good and embarrassing parts as well as the parts we are proud of. Only in this way we can begin to change our lives and make ourselves more worthy of the great sacrifice that the Lord made in order that we might be restored to full union with God. The Lord loves us and wants us to be with him in the Kingdom, but we must want that too and so we must change our ways and become missionaries of the Gospel.

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### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 15:	The Third Sunday of Lent
Monday 16:	The Third Week of Lent
Tuesday 17:	St Patrick, Principal Patron
Wednesday 18:	The Third Week of Lent
Thursday 19:	St Joseph
Friday 20:	The Third Week of Lent
Saturday 21:	The Third Week of Lent

### A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

#### St Patrick, Principal Patron of Ireland

Patrick was born between 385 and 389 on the west coast of Roman Britain before he was taken as a slave to Ireland, where he remained there for six years. At the end of that period he escaped back to Britain but could hear the call of the Irish people for him to return to them, and so he studied and became a priest, before being consecrated bishop in France and returning to Ireland about the year 432AD. He is said to have died at Saul in north-eastern Ireland about the year 461. Today's celebration is a call to return to and to return to the Lord that faith to which Patrick devoted his life.

#### ST PATRICK'S DAY

Due to the outbreak of Covid-19, and in order to prevent more than 100 people being in the church at one time, and as it is a bank holiday, Whitefriar Street Church will remain closed on Tuesday, March 17. Mass will be available on our webcam at 10.00 and 11.30am.

### 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](mailto: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.

### COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

Due to the risk of Covid-19 coronavirus, it is important that as members of a gathering community we take precautions to protect each other from infection. Therefore, and for as long as is necessary:

- Please sit at least 1½ metres (5 feet) away from each other. That means 1½ metres to each side of you, and behind and in front of you.
- If at any Mass we approach 100 people in the church, the church will be closed.
- The handshake as a Sign of Peace is not used.
- Holy Communion will be received on the hand only, with the hands opened fully and one hand placed under the other as is the norm.
- Those with a coeliac condition must speak to the priest or sacristan in plenty of time **before** Mass to ensure that they can receive Holy Communion.
- Baskets will not be passed during Mass. A basket will be available at the back of the church after Mass for offerings and donations. The contactless card machine is also available for those who wish to donate or to pay for candles by card or smart phone.

If it becomes necessary to cancel Masses or to close churches, we will continue to celebrate Mass and to remember those whose names have been added to the remembrances for each day, with Masses being broadcast through our webcam (as they are at present), though the timetable of Masses will change. The church will continue to be open for private prayer for as long as possible.

*Please check our website regularly for updates.*

### LENTEN TALKS – CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

This series of talks is now cancelled. The Carmelite Community Centre is closed until March 29.

### 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  
Email: [parish@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie](mailto:parish@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie)

### CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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