



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

July 28, 2019
Seventeenth 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 our gospel text we see Jesus teaching the disciples how to pray and about perseverance in prayer. In the first part of the passage they ask the Lord to teach them to pray and this was important because each religious group or community had a form of prayer which set them apart from other groups, and this group following Jesus is no different in that respect.

Jesus teaches them the 'Our Father' which doesn't simply give them something to say to God but also gives them a guideline for living. If the prayer is to have an effect in their lives then they must conform their lives to the Gospel and to God's will so that God's name may be held holy and his Kingdom become a reality in their own world. The prayer reminds the disciples to practice forgiveness, while also reminding them that they too are sinners in need of God's help in order to avoid giving in to temptation. This is followed by an exhortation to persevere in prayer and to never give up because all prayer is answered.

All too often people forget that 'no' is also an answer, as is silence. In answering our prayers, the Lord does not always give us what we want because what we want might not be what we need or for our good, but only by persevering in prayer can we discern God's plan for us and why, at times, he doesn't give us what we want.

No matter what we do we always have the Lord on our side and he is ready to forgive our sins and to answer our prayers whenever we turn to him in faith and trust, just as he answered Abraham's request to save the town for the sake of ten just men.

The Lord's Prayer uses the words 'we' and 'us' and not 'I' and so the answer to our prayer impacts not just us as individuals but on the rest of the community also.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 28: Ordinary Time – Sunday 17
Monday 29: St Martha
Tuesday 30: Ordinary Time – Week 17
Wednesday 31: St Ignatius of Loyola
Thursday 1: St Alphonsus Liguori
Friday 2: Ordinary Time – Week 17
Saturday 3: Ordinary Time – Week 17

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

St Martha

Little is known about Martha other than what is recounted in the Gospels. She was the sister of Lazarus and Mary, and a friend of the Lord, and lived in Bethany less than two miles east of the city of Jerusalem. She is the sister who frets over the guests while her sister sits and listens to Jesus. She is also the one who addresses Jesus when he arrives following the death of her brother, Lazarus, and who makes her declaration of faith: *'I believe you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world'* (John 11:27).

St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Born in 1491 in Loyola (in the Basque region of northern Spain) of noble stock, Ignatius became a soldier. Having been wounded in battle against the French, Ignatius began reading sacred texts while he was recovering from his injuries and then went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He became a priest and began founding the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in 1534 and whose members are ready to serve the Church wherever needed. He died in 1556.

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.

First Friday of the Month

Friday, August 2, is the First Friday of the month. If there are members of the parish who are housebound and unable to attend Mass but who would like to receive the Blessed Sacrament, their name and number can be given in at the parish office and a visit can be arranged for the First Friday of the month.

The Lord's Presence in the Blessed Sacrament

The central focus in any church is the sanctuary, and within the sanctuary is found the tabernacle, and within the tabernacle is found the Blessed Sacrament which is indicated by the red sanctuary lamp which is kept burning day and night. For that reason, when we come into the body of the church, we fall silent and face the tabernacle and genuflect as a sign of our respect for the true Presence. Men and boys also remove their hats. It is worth remembering that the Lord is not present only at times of formal prayer services such as the celebration of Mass or the recitation of the Rosary, but that he is always present, even when formal prayer has finished. The only time in the year when the tabernacle stands empty is Good Friday and most of Holy Saturday, and even then we fall silent as we remember that it was on that day that he died for our salvation.

Our greatest need is to be silent before this great God with the appetite and with the tongue, for the only language he hears is the silent language of love.

*Saint John of the Cross
Carmelite Priest, Doctor of the Church
1542 – 1591*

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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