



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

November 3, 2019
Thirty-first 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.*



November – Remembering our Beloved Dead

During pre-Christian times, it was common for pagans to celebrate rituals related to their dead at the end of the harvest in late autumn. These customs very possibly influenced Christians to do the same. The month of November has traditionally been dedicated to the theme of death and of those who have died. The month begins with the feast of All Saints on November 1, and the next day with the feast of All Souls.


The theme of death for November fits the natural atmosphere of the month in the northern hemisphere. The harvest is completed, a dying becomes evident throughout nature, cold weather and a hint of winter become prevalent, and the dark night becomes more pervasive.

(From: Catholic Customs & Traditions)

As Catholic Christians we move beyond the mere fact of dying so that our remembrance for the dead is not something which plunges us into an ever-downward spiral of unending grief. In nature we see that after the winter there comes a regrowth and a rebirth, and so we remember not with unending grief but with eternal hope. When we die in this life, our physical body dies but our immortal soul lives on. We pray earnestly in the month of November that all those who have died will be resurrected into eternal life in the Kingdom, to join the Communion of Saints, the communion of all those who completed their time of purification in Purgatory and have been welcomed into the Kingdom.

God alone decides that entry because his standards and judgements are different than ours. And so we pray, even after death, that the Lord will be merciful to those who have died and will welcome them into heaven. We pray that all who have died will one day be celebrated on the feast of All Saints. All of this reminds us that this lies in our future also: we too will one day die and follow the path our loved ones have taken. That means that death is not the end of our connection with them but that we can be reunited with them once again.

Praying *to* the saints reminds us that they are alive and living in God's presence, and so it is right and proper that we should pray *for* our beloved dead that they who are still alive may one day live in the presence of God.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 3: Ordinary Time – Sunday 31
Monday 4: St Charles Borromeo
Tuesday 5: Ordinary Time – Week 31
Wednesday 6: All the Saints of Ireland
Thursday 7: St Nuno de Santa Maria
Friday 8: Ordinary Time – Week 31
Saturday 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

Memorial of St Nuno Alvares Pereira, Carmelite

Nuno Alvares Pereira was born in 1360 near Crato, Portugal. He became a soldier and rose through the ranks, becoming the champion of Portuguese independence. He was most decisive in ensuring Portuguese independence from the Kingdom of Castile between 1383 and 1385, for which he was named Protector and Constable of Portugal. He married at the age of sixteen and his wife gave birth to three children, the two boys dying early in life. After his wife had died, Nuno joined the Carmelites in 1423 and entered the Carmo Convent in Lisbon (which he himself had founded in fulfilment of a vow, and one of several churches and monasteries he had built). In religious life he remained a favourite of the king and the royal court who would not allow him to give up all his possessions or titles (he was Count of all three dominions in the Kingdom). Devoted to Our Lady, he took the religious name Brother Nuno of St Mary and lived in the Carmo until his death in 1431. He was canonized in 2009.

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.

Remembering our Dead

Throughout the month of November we remember and pray in particular for all those who have died, that the Lord in his mercy may welcome them to the heavenly banquet. Sheets are available at the back of the church for those who wish to write the names of their deceased loved ones. These sheets can be placed in the box by the table at the back of the benches. The annual Remembrance Mass for those whose funerals took place in our church over the last year will take place at 6.00pm on Saturday, November 23.

Perpetual & Share Mass Enrolments

Throughout the year and for as long as Carmelites will be present in Whitefriar Street, those whose names are inscribed in the Perpetual Mass Enrolment Books will be remembered in Masses and prayers offered by the Carmelite Community. One Mass is offered every day for these intentions (11.30am on weekdays and 12.30 on Sundays). Those whose names are enrolled in the Share Mass Enrolment Books will be remembered for one year from the date of enrolment. The 8.00am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays is offered for these intentions. Please visit the Mass Office/Church Shop to enrol a loved one.

O Jesus! How many fears I have suffered before taking possession of these foundations! I reflect on the fact that if one can feel so much fear in doing something good, for the service of God, what must be the fear of those who do evil, deeds that are against God and neighbour? I don't know what they can gain or what satisfaction they can find as a counterbalance to all that fear.

*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
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CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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