



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

December 29, 2019
The Feast of the
Holy Family

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

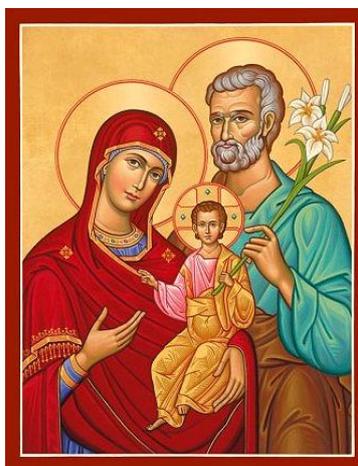
St Jude Novena

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.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Each Christian family can, first of all – as Mary and Joseph – welcome Jesus, listen to him, speak with him, guard him, protect him, grow with him; and in this way improve the world. Let us make room in our heart and our day for the Lord. As Mary and Joseph also did, and it was not easy: how many difficulties they had to overcome! They were not a superficial family, they were not an unreal family. The family of Nazareth urges us to rediscover the vocation and mission of the family, of every family.

Pope Francis, December 2014

More than anywhere else, the family is where we daily experience our own *limits* and those of others, the problems great and small entailed in living peacefully with others. A perfect family does not exist. We should not be fearful of imperfections, weakness or even conflict, but rather learn how to deal with them constructively. The family, where we keep loving one another despite our limits and sins, thus becomes a *school of forgiveness*.

Pope Francis, January 2015

The Church cannot cease to proclaim that in accordance with God's plans (cf. Matthew 19: 3-9), marriage and the family are irreplaceable and permit no other alternatives.

Today more than ever, the Christian family has a very noble mission that it cannot shirk: the transmission of the faith, which involves the gift of self to Jesus Christ who died and rose again.

Parents are the first evangelizers of children, a precious gift from the Creator (cf. *Gaudium et Spes* n. 50), and begin by teaching them to say their first prayers. In this way a moral universe is built up, rooted in the will of God, where the child grows in the human and Christian values that give life its full meaning.

Pope Benedict XVI, May 2005

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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| Sunday 29: | Feast of the Holy Family |
| Monday 30: | Octave of Christmas – Day 6 |
| Tuesday 31: | Octave of Christmas – Day 7 |
| Wednesday 1: | Mary, Mother of God |
| Thursday 2: | Saints Basil and Gregory |
| Friday 3: | Before Epiphany |
| Saturday 4: | Before Epiphany |

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

Basil was born in 329 in Cappadocia (in central modern-day Turkey) to a family which produced nine saints. During the course of his studies he met Gregory of Nazianzen and they became life-long friends. For a time after studies, Basil was a teacher before becoming a monk and is regarded as the spiritual head of monks of the Eastern Church (as St Benedict is spiritual head of monks in the Western Church). In 370, he was made bishop of Caesarea in modern-day Turkey and acquitted himself very well in his role as bishop. Basil died in January 379.

Gregory was born about the year 329 and likewise to a family of saints. After studies in law he followed Basil in the solitary life and was very shy compared to his friend. He was appointed bishop by Basil but never took up the office, instead acting as assistant-bishop to his father before being appointed to Constantinople in 380, though he resigned soon after. He died in 389. Both men are counted among the Four Greek Doctors of the Church.

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.

Bank Holiday

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – New Year's Day – is a bank holiday. Therefore, there will only be two Masses in our church that morning: 10.00 and 11.30. The church will close at noon. There will be no confessions that day.

First Friday – January 3, 2020

Next Friday is the First Friday of the month and a day when the sick and housebound are traditionally brought the Blessed Sacrament by a priest or Extra-Ordinary Minister. 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.

Baptisms & Weddings

We remind all those who wish to arrange a baptism or a wedding in the church to contact the parish office as soon as possible. Certificates of baptism, confirmation and marriage can also be obtained from the parish office.

We must do all that lies in our power; we must give without counting the cost; we must constantly renounce ourselves. In one word, we must prove our love by all the good works we can perform; but, since all that we can do is very little, it is of the greatest importance that we put our confidence in Him who alone sanctifies those works and that we recognize that we are indeed useless servants, hoping that the good Lord will give us through grace all that we desire.

*Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face
Carmelite Nun, Doctor of the Church
1873 – 1897*

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

CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

☎ 01 475 4673
Email: info@carmelitecommunitycentre.com