



**WHITEFRIAR STREET CHURCH**  
*The Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
& Shrine of Saint Valentine, Dublin 2*

March 21, 2021  
The Fifth Sunday of  
Lent

**SACRAMENTS**

*Under Government  
restrictions*

**Private Prayer**

*Monday to Saturday:*

*11.00am to 2.30pm.*

*Sunday:*

*11.30am to 3.15pm*

**Masses**

*Mass will be available  
live through our website:*

*Monday to Saturday:*

*8.00am, 10.00am,*

*3.00pm*

*Sunday:*

*8.00am, 10.30am,*

*4.00pm*

*Names can be enrolled  
for Mass and will be  
remembered and prayed  
for on the day requested.*

**St Jude Novena**

*This continues to be  
celebrated on Tuesdays at  
8.00pm and will be  
livestreamed in our  
website. The blessing  
with the Relics of St Jude  
and of St Thérèse of  
Lisieux will take place.*

**Confessions**

*Monday to Saturday:*

*11.00am to 12.00pm*

**Baptisms & Weddings**

*Please contact the parish  
office if you have a  
baptism or wedding  
booked at this time.*

*Join us for liturgy  
through our webcam*




In the gospel passage for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we see Jesus back in Jerusalem for the last time where he teaches the people who are still divided about him. At the start of the passage, a group of 'Greeks' (Gentiles) wish to meet with Jesus and to hear his message first hand, from his own mouth, which is in contrast to those who will have him executed not too long after this. These men approached Philip and asked to speak to Jesus, whereas others will approach Judas with the ultimate intention to silence rather than let Jesus speak.

In speaking to the people, the Lord appeared to be in agony as he knew what was to follow in the coming days, and he predicted his own death which was necessary that they may be drawn together to eternal life – the Lord's death would be for them because his death was not for his own sake but for the sake of others.

The prediction of the Lord's impending death reminds us that we have now entered into Passiontide, the last two weeks before his death and resurrection. This is the final push we have to make to prepare ourselves to celebrate those great days of the Paschal Triduum and their culmination in the Easter Vigil. Like the grain of wheat which is planted in the ground and whose outer shell dies and decays so that the new life within can grow, as the Lord said in the gospel passage, we too have to shed our sinfulness so that the inner life of our souls can flourish and we can be renewed in purity.

If we believe in Jesus, then we will give up our selfish ways and live only for him so that we may yield the rich harvest which he spoke of. We will only be drawn to him if we spend time in prayer and living the life to which we are called. When we suffer, we do not do so alone because Jesus Christ is with us and so our suffering is not for nothing.

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### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 21: Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Monday 22: Fifth Week of Lent  
Tuesday 23: Fifth Week of Lent  
Wednesday 24: Fifth Week of Lent  
Thursday 25: The Annunciation  
Friday 26: Fifth Week of Lent  
Saturday 27: Fifth Week of Lent

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

#### THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord recalls the moment when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that God had chosen her to play an important role in the plan of salvation: that of bearing the Christ-child who would be the Saviour of the world. This must have been a frightening moment for the young girl and yet, being a girl of faith, she said yes to the will of God. That yes continued throughout Mary's life even as she saw her Son being rejected and executed by the authorities.



### MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Monday to Saturday: 9.30am - 3.00pm  
Items can be ordered by phone or through our online shop and they will be sent out by post.  
Shop and all other enquiries: ☎ 01 475 8821  
Email: [shop@whitefriarstrectchurch.ie](mailto:shop@whitefriarstrectchurch.ie)  
Web: <https://shop.whitefriarstrectchurch.com/>

### 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.

### REMAINING VIGILANT

While Covid-19 is a significant threat, we strongly recommend and ask all those visiting our church to adhere to the following:

- **Wear a face mask at all times** while in the building no matter how many others are there.
- Wear a face mask when in the confessional.
- Sanitise your hands when entering the building.
- Keep a safe distance from others when seated and avoid crowding, particularly when lighting candles and visiting the Crib.
- Follow the instructions of our staff in the church and shop.

People may bring a clean bottle of tap water to church and it can be blessed by a priest, or they can buy a bottle in the Church Shop and we will fill it for them (there is no charge for the holy water).

### PASSIONTIDE

The final two weeks of Lent are referred to as 'Passiontide'. We don't usually think of the Lord's Passion as being something in which there is glory, especially when we consider the suffering he went through, and which was caused by our continued waywardness. But it is this passion which restores us to unity with the God the Father.

Traditionally, crosses and statues in churches were veiled in purple during these two weeks to bring home even more what the Lord undertook for our sake, and to increase the sense of joy in the Lord's resurrection.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

*Hebrews 5:7-9*

### PARISH OFFICE

For certificates of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or to book a baptism or a wedding.

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