



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

January 31, 2021
The Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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*



Be quiet! Come out of him!

Jesus was born, raised and lived his life as a faithful member of the Jewish faith and this is demonstrated time and again in the gospels where we see Jesus in the Temple and in synagogues, and in this weekend's gospel we read of one such occasion. At the prayers in the synagogue, any man with the requisite education could read the scriptures and preach to the people, which suggests that Jesus has been educated quite well, perhaps during the 'hidden years' of his earthly life. He preached to the people in the synagogue and they were amazed because he did so with greater authority than the others they were used to hearing.

On this occasion there was also a man possessed by an evil spirit in the synagogue whom Jesus freed from the demonic possession which reinforced the idea of his authority as he simply commanded the evil spirits and they obeyed. Of important note is the recognition the evil spirits give to Jesus who they referred to as the '*Holy One of God*'. Quite often people downplay who Jesus is and yet here we see the evil spirits recognising Jesus for who he is and also obeying him. The evil spirits stood very much in opposition to the mission of Jesus and trapped people in a life of misery, and yet they did what Jesus commanded them while acknowledging the supremacy of the Lord.

The Lord is our great teacher and the scriptures contain his teaching if only we had the courage to become familiar with those scriptures and to live out the teachings in our lives. The challenge for us is not simply to read about Jesus and believe in him, but to acknowledge his Lordship as did the evil spirits, and to obey his word.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 31:	Ordinary Time – Sunday 4
Monday 1:	St Brigid
Tuesday 2:	Presentation of the Lord
Wednesday 3:	Ordinary Time – Week 4
Thursday 4:	Ordinary Time – Week 4
Friday 5:	St Agatha
Saturday 6:	Sts Paul Miki & Companions

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – CANDLEMAS

On this day we call to mind the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple by his parents in keeping with the Law of Moses, an event recorded in today's gospel. We are now forty days on from December 25 and so today is also the formal end of the Christmas festival of light and the memorial of Christ's birth. Today, candles are blessed and carried in procession as a sign of our welcoming Jesus Christ the Light into our lives. It is also a special day in the Church's calendar when the Church prays for Consecrated Life, a life which is consecrated to God through prayer and service, and which enriches and gladdens the Christian community. We also pray to God to help people to hear and answer his call and so consecrate themselves to the Lord.



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
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).

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

If you have unwanted used stamps at home or in the office, they can be put to good use to support the work of our Carmelite brothers in Zimbabwe. Used stamps from around the world can be given in at the Shop for Fr T. McDonald, O.Carm.

Happiness is something we all want, but one of the great tragedies in this world is that so many people never find it, because they look for it in the wrong places. The key to it is very simple – true happiness is to be found in God. We need to have the courage to place our deepest hopes in God alone, not in money, in a career, in worldly success, or in our relationships with others, but in God. Only he can satisfy the deepest needs of our hearts.

*Pope Benedict XVI,
St Mary's University, Twickenham
17 September 2010*

PARISH OFFICE

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

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CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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