



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

February 14, 2021
The Sixth 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

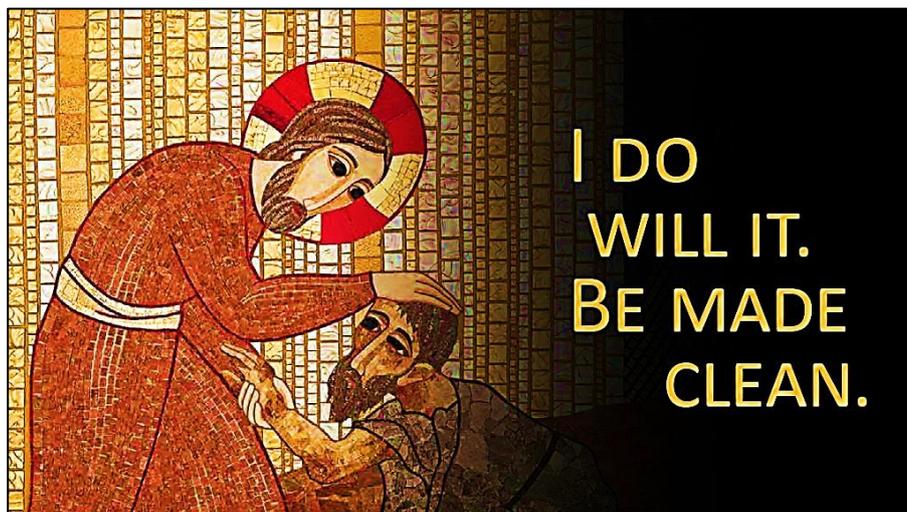
Monday to Saturday:

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*



The disease of leprosy is heard about in this weekend's scripture readings. At the time, leprosy was a loose term to cover any infectious skin disease or ailment and those infected were to make their infection and illness known to others in order to prevent any spread of the disease. People were understandably wary of such diseases and efforts were made to keep it from spreading, with the key method being that of removing the person from society. Those instructions form the first reading and make it clear what an infected person had to do. While those infected were to live apart to prevent the spread of diseases, the Law did not decree that they be treated shamefully or disrespectfully, or that they should remain outcasts once the infection had passed.

In our gospel we see Jesus curing a man of his leprosy and bringing him back into society, while Jesus himself then lived like an outcast. It is clear that the Lord wished to heal the man and this he did. In keeping with the laws of the time, Jesus on his own could not declare the man to be ritually pure and so he sent the man to the priests and officials who could, and told him to make the necessary offerings for the declaration of purity. Until this was fulfilled, the man would remain an outcast, he would continue to be excommunicated. However, the man began telling everyone what had happened to him and so, rather than the man being unable to enter the towns, it was now Jesus who could not enter the towns because of the enormous crowds who come to him. Jesus was now the one who had to stay in remote places, but even so the people come to him to have their lives improved.

The reading is a reminder that the Gospel and the love of God are inclusive and that everyone is invited to the Kingdom. Like Jesus, we too should bring the healing power of the Gospel into the lives of others and encourage and help them to place their trust in the Lord who does want to help them if only they would have faith and ask.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 14: Ordinary Time – Sunday 6
Monday 15: Ordinary Time – Week 6
Tuesday 16: Ordinary Time – Week 7
Wednesday 17: Ash Wednesday
Thursday 18: After Ash Wednesday
Friday 19: After Ash Wednesday
Saturday 20: After Ash Wednesday

A REFLECTION

The truth we find hardest to accept is that on our won we are resourceless. It is hard for a generation of achievers to accept peacefully the intrinsic weakness of human nature. It is difficult for those who pursue personal integration to be reconciled to the fact that a war between good and evil is being waged within their wills, and that the outcome is by no means assured. It is a burden for those who have come to expect instant gratification to pace themselves to a different rhythm – to appreciate genuine human growth is spread over a lifetime – so we pass our days aware that we have not arrived. Those who resist prayer are those who cannot accept the progressive dethronement of self. While self triumphs, prayer is impossible.

Yet rampant selfhood is its own enemy. Far from being exaltation of the individual, it is denial. ... We were made for self-transcendence. To pretend otherwise is to live a lie.

Michael Casey, OCSO: 'Toward God – The Ancient Wisdom of Western Prayer'. Page 14-15.

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).

ACCORD DUBLIN ANNUAL COLLECTION

This weekend, February 13 and 14, the annual collection for Accord Dublin – The Catholic Marriage Care Service in Dublin Archdiocese – is being taken up. Accord was established by the Irish Catholic Bishops in 1962 to provide support and advice for those preparing for marriage, counselling and support for those experiencing difficulties in their marriage, and a Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

I know of no other means to reach perfection than by love. To love: how perfectly our hearts are made for this! Sometimes I look for another word to use, but, in this land of exile, no other word so well expresses the vibrations of our soul. Hence we must keep to that one word: love.

*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.

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