



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

January 12, 2020
The Baptism of
the Lord

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 Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord is an unusual Sunday in the calendar because it belongs to two seasons: it is the last day in the Christmas Season and also the first Sunday in Ordinary Time. Yet that is important because it reminds us that the different seasons of the Church's liturgical year are not separate and individual seasons: while they each have a different emphasis and have a specific colour to them, they are all linked together and the link is Jesus Christ.

The Baptism of the Lord is a beginning and is linked with the Epiphany and with the Wedding Feast of Cana. At the Epiphany, the Lord was revealed for the first time to all the nations represented by the Three Wise Men; at the Jordan he was baptised and began his preaching ministry with the approval of the Father and the presence of the Holy Spirit; at Cana he worked his first miracle and revealed his power for the first time.

During the season of Ordinary Time we will hear of the Lord's preaching and his message to the people, we will read of the miracles he worked and the cures which changed people's lives, all of which began to take place from his baptism. We were baptised like Jesus and our work of living and proclaiming our faith in Jesus Christ began from that moment in our own lives. It is for us to examine our lives and to see how well we have lived out our baptismal promises since then.

The Lord freely chose to be baptised and while children don't have a choice in their baptism, their parents do. Parents need to consider carefully what it is they are seeking when they ask to have their child baptised and, more importantly, they must consider what they themselves are going to do to support that baptism in the life of their child, a support they affirmed the start of the ceremony.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 12: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday 13: Ordinary Time – Week 1
Tuesday 14: Ordinary Time – Week 1
Wednesday 15: St Ita, Virgin
Thursday 16: Ordinary Time – Week 1
Friday 17: St Antony, Abbot
Saturday 18: Ordinary Time – Week 1

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

St Ita

Ita was born about the year 470 near Faithlegg, outside Waterford, to noble Christian parents: Kennfoelad, a Déise Chieftain, and Necta, his princess wife. From her baptism Ita was filled with the Holy Spirit and everyone marvelled at her childhood purity and behaviour, and her abstinence on fasting days. She is said to have been prudent, very generous, kind and gentle as well as chaste in her language. Her father wished to marry her to a nobleman but she refused, preferring to consecrate herself completely to Christ. Her father refused her wish, so she went at once to an aged priest she had known from childhood and publicly made her vows which she had already formed in her heart. She left her father's house and the pleasant places round it and set out with some companions for the Ua Conaill territory in the West of Munster, present-day Co. Limerick. Ita died about the year 570. Her grave, frequently decorated with flowers, is in the ruins of Cill Ide, a Romanesque church at Killeedy where her monastery once stood.

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.

Lay Carmel / Third Order

The Whitefriar Street Chapter of the Carmelite Third Order/Lay Carmel will meet at the usual time on Saturday, January 18. New members are always welcome and information leaflets can be had from Peggy Molloy or from the shop.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 to 25 (Feast of the Conversion of St Paul) is marked each year by prayers for Christian unity. The Christian Faith is an enormous family and within that family there are a variety of Churches and groups from worldwide Churches to small local groups. Each of these believes in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour but there are differences in interpretation, teaching, the sacraments and organisation. The Week of Prayer is a reminder that we all believe in the same Lord and that we need to work together or in harmony for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that there can be tremendous unity even in our diversity.

Do not be discouraged by the resistance you will encounter from your human nature; you must go against your human inclinations. Often, in the beginning, you will think that you are wasting time, but you must go on, be determined and persevere in it until death, despite all the difficulties.

*Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection,
Carmelite Friar
1614-1691*

Truth is Truth
even if no one believes it.
A Lie is a Lie
even if everyone believes it.

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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Email: parish@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie

CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

☎ 01 475 4673
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