



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

January 17, 2021  
The Second 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



Our readings for this Sunday focus on answering the call of God to be his followers and his disciples. In the reading from the first Book of Samuel, we hear of the call of Samuel when he was young and how he was given the words, *'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'* in answer to God. Samuel's service of God grew ever deeper and everything he said from then on was protected by God. Samuel was the one who anointed Saul and then David as kings of Israel at God's command.

In the gospel text from St John, we read of how two of John the Baptist's disciples become followers of Jesus Christ and then brought others to the Lord. Andrew has heard about the Messiah from the Baptist and he and another of John's disciples went after the Lord who invited them to see where he was staying and spend some time with him. The next day, Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to the Lord with the words *'We have found the Messiah'*.

In John's Gospel, the expression *'Come and see'* is an invitation to believe in Jesus Christ, an invitation which is extended to all people, and especially to the baptised who are called to deepen their faith in Jesus through a relationship with him. That same invite is extended to us and we can spend time with the Lord in a variety of ways including prayer, visiting the Blessed Sacrament and reading the Gospels. Like Eli, John the Baptist, and Andrew, we are to help others to see where the Lord is calling them, and to reveal the presence of the Messiah in their lives but we can only do that if we know the Lord at a personal level ourselves. We are encouraged to look at our own lives and to dedicate our life to following Jesus Christ and to living as he asks us to live.

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### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 17: Ordinary Time – Sunday 2  
Monday 18: Ordinary Time – Week 2  
Tuesday 19: Ordinary Time – Week 2  
Wednesday 20: Ordinary Time – Week 2  
Thursday 21: St Agnes  
Friday 22: Ordinary Time – Week 2  
Saturday 23: Ordinary Time – Week 2

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

#### ST AGNES, VIRGIN

Agnes was a girl of about 14 or 15 years of age when she was martyred and buried beside the Via Nomentana in Rome during the final years of the persecutions by the Emperor Diocletian (early fourth century). Near her grave a basilica was erected and a series of large catacombs excavated, which can still be visited today. Nothing definite is known about her martyrdom other than the fact that she died for believing in Jesus Christ. On this day lambs are blessed, whose wool is used to make the palliums for new metropolitan archbishops appointed in the past year.



### 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@whitefriarstrecthurch.ie](mailto:shop@whitefriarstrecthurch.ie)  
Web: <https://shop.whitefriarstrecthurch.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).

### 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 for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that there can be tremendous unity even in our diversity.

God would never inspire me with desires which cannot be realized; so in spite of my littleness, I can hope to be a saint.

*Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face  
Carmelite Nun, Doctor of the Church  
1875 – 1897*

### PARISH OFFICE

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

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