



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

July 12, 2020  
Fifteenth Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

**SACRAMENTS**

**Masses**

*Sundays:*

AM: 8.00, 10.30

PM: 12.30, 4.00

*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:*

AM: 10.30-11.30

PM: 3.00-4.00

*Saturdays:*

AM: 10.30-12.30

PM: 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 or  
unable to attend?*

*Join us for liturgy  
through our webcam*



*A sower went out to sow...*

This weekend's gospel gives us the parable of the Sower in which a farmer went out to sow seed in his field. At the time, a farmer didn't have machinery to sow the seed evenly for him and every inch of ground was valuable for planting. The farmer, therefore, carried a basket or a sack with the seed and, as he walked, he would take a handful of seed and scatter it across the ground, which explains why some of the seed fell on ground which wasn't all that suitable for growing crops. This may seem wasteful but the seed in this parable represents the gift of faith and love which God showers on all his people, even though not all of them will bear fruit. If we listen as Jesus invites us to, then we will bear fruit, fruit that will gain us entry to the Kingdom. The reading should prompt us to look honestly at our own lives and see which soil we happen to be – fruitful or fruitless.

The parable also reminds us that faith is a freely given gift from God and he does not take back that gift. At times we might reject or ignore the gift but it never leaves us – we may lose sight of our faith but we never lose our faith. Like seed we plant in the ground, the gift of faith sown in our souls needs to be nourished if it is to grow and be fruitful and if it is to be uplifting and a strength in our lives.

We also read in this passage of the gospel that such a huge crowd came to hear Jesus that he had to get into a boat on the lake in order to preach them. This in itself tells us of the Lord's success but also the great impact his words had on the people. He taught them in parables and, he told the disciples, this was because the people had heard clear and straightforward teaching for centuries but they no longer listened to it because it was clear and straightforward – they had become too familiar with it and missed its enduring message. The word of God should bring about conversion in each one listening and so Jesus took a different approach, one which made the people think about his teaching and its true meaning, something the passage challenges us to do today.

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### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 12: Ordinary Time – Sunday 15  
Monday 13: Ordinary Time – Week 15  
Tuesday 14: Ordinary Time – Week 15  
Wednesday 15: St Bonaventure  
Thursday 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Friday 17: Ordinary Time – Week 15  
Saturday 18: Ordinary Time – Week 15

### REVISED SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

To help wipe out the coronavirus it is necessary for public places to be cleaned throughout the day, including churches. This sanitising must be done after each Mass and throughout the day and we are also required to leave enough time between Masses so that those leaving one Mass don't meet those coming in for the next Mass. For most of the week this is not a problem, but it is a significant problem on Sundays. Therefore, until further notice, Masses on Sunday will be as follows:

#### SUNDAY MASSES

8.00am, 10.30am, 12.30pm, 4.00pm

*There will be no evening Mass on Saturday or Sunday evening.*

At this time, the requirement to physically attend Mass on Sundays is still suspended – it is permissible to attend on any day of the week.

### MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Sunday: 10.00am – 2.00pm  
Monday to Friday: 8.30am – 5.00pm.  
Tuesday extra: 7.30pm – 8.15pm  
Saturday: 9.30am – 5.00pm  
Other enquiries: ☎ 01 475 8821  
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### 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.

### WELCOME BACK!

We thank all those who have taken the time to read the signs and listen to the announcements made at each Mass and to follow the instructions given. Some of the new ways of doing things will take a bit of getting used to but it is our wish to remain open and not have to close down again, and so it is essential that we all do our bit in order to protect ourselves and others and thereby shorten the time until we can return to more normal ways of doing things.

The important things to remember are social distancing throughout the building; using hand sanitising gel regularly; not being afraid to wear face masks in church, even during Mass; following a one-way-system coming to Holy Communion, and only receiving on the hand for a while longer; avoid crowding at the end of Mass but leaving the church slowly and with physical distancing.

The Holy water container will not be available for a while, but people can bring a clean bottle of tap water with them 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.

All of this will take getting used to, but we must make every effort if we are to remain open. We ask everyone to continue to co-operate with our sacristans and staff members in this matter.

### NUMBERS ABLE TO ATTEND MASS

Please be aware that the new restrictions mean we cannot accommodate the same numbers at Mass as we used to. There will be times when we will have to close the church gate while Mass is being celebrated. This is unfortunate and goes against the grain but will have to continue until restrictions are lifted. Please be understanding if our sacristans have already closed the gate when you arrive.

In the way of righteousness there is life;  
along that path is immortality.

*Old Testament Book of Proverbs  
12:28*

### PARISH OFFICE

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