



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

April 11, 2021
The Second Sunday
of Easter

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 gospel text for the second Sunday of Easter recounts the first visit of Jesus to his disciples in the Upper Room after the resurrection. They were amazed but they were also filled with joy and he sent them out to preach the Good News to all peoples, including the authority to forgive sins.

Important for us on this occasion is the fact that St Thomas was not there and, because he did not see Jesus for himself, he refused to believe that he had risen, he refused to believe the testimony of his companions. He was there when Jesus returned eight days later and was told to put his finger in the wounds, showing that Jesus knew what Thomas had demanded as proof from his companions.

We all doubt from time to time – as did Thomas – but Thomas represents each of us and received the proof on our behalf. Therefore, with him we are called to affirm our faith and to say openly of Jesus, *'My Lord, and my God'*.

Another way of looking at this text is that perhaps Thomas refused to believe because of who it was he was listening to. Perhaps we too fail to accept something as true because of our opinion of those who are speaking to us and we must always remember that the message of the Gospel is far more important than the one delivering it, for the Gospel comes from Jesus Christ who is the only saviour. No matter who spreads the faith, the faith has Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit behind it to confirm it, and so we need to listen and to believe. And, in believing, we also have to play our own part in the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ particularly in these difficult days of pandemic.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 11: Second Sunday of Easter
Monday 12: Second Week of Easter
Tuesday 13: Second Week of Easter
Wednesday 14: Second Week of Easter
Thursday 15: Second Week of Easter
Friday 16: Second Week of Easter
Saturday 17: Bl. Baptist Spagnoli of Mantua

A SAINT THIS WEEK...

BLESSED BAPTIST SPAGNOLI OF MANTUA, CARMELITE PRIEST

Baptist Spagnoli was born on April 17, 1447, the eldest son of a Spanish nobleman at the court of Mantua, in the plains of Northern Italy. His early days did not please his father but after some years of study he entered the Carmelite Order at Ferrara which was, at the time, under the Reform of Mantua and operated as a separate congregation within the Order. Baptist continued his studies and was ordained priest before being elected on six occasions as superior of the Congregation of Mantua, and eventually Prior General of the Order in 1513. He also embarked on a number of diplomatic missions for the papacy. He continued to write – including more than 55,000 lines of verse – and some of his writings survive today. He was also quoted by William Shakespeare (*Love's Labour Lost*, Act IV, scene 2, line 95ff). He died in Mantua on March 20, 1516.

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.
- 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).

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN APPEAL

Trócaire boxes can be left in to the Mass Office & Shop anytime this week.

DONATIONS FOR OUR CHURCH

All donations to maintain our church during these days are gratefully received and acknowledged and the donors are remembered in our prayers.

Thank you to all those who have sent in messages of support and gratitude for our services through our website.

For there have been times when I was beset with anxieties, the worst of which came from the experience of my own weakness, and if on such occasions I sought relief in the scriptures, the hopes, and desires that led me there were never disappointed. The word of scripture proved to be a solid bulwark against my anxieties and a relief to my troubled spirit.

*Blessed Baptist Spagnoli of Mantua,
Carmelite Priest
1447-1516*

PARISH OFFICE

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

Email: parish@whitefriarstrectchurch.ie

CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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