



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

March 14, 2021
The Fourth Sunday
of Lent

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 theme for the Fourth Sunday in Lent each year is one of joy and comes from the opening word of the Entrance Antiphon: Laetare – Rejoice. In the season of Lent, when we are called to look deeply into our lives and to make amends for whatever is against God's will in our lives, there is still something to rejoice about and the reason for that rejoicing is found in the readings.

The author of the letter to the Ephesians reminds the people that they were dead because of their sins, sins which destroyed their relationship with God. Even so God, in his great mercy, brought them back to life. They have been saved, not because of anything they themselves did, but by the richness of God's own infinite grace.

In our gospel, we read of Jesus speaking with Nicodemus, the Pharisee, during which Jesus tells him that the Son of God must be raised up as a sign for all the people, a sign which – if they believe – will bring them to everlasting life. Part of this believing is that believers must live as people of the light and allow others to clearly see that they are believers, that they actively play their part in the spread of the Gospel. There is a certain contrast in the meeting of these two men: Jesus who is the Lord of life and light, and Nicodemus who came to him in the dead of night for fear of being seen as one of his followers, especially given his role as a Pharisee.

As Christians who believe in Jesus Christ, we are to bring our faith and good works out in to the broad light of day so that others may see that we believe and so come to faith themselves. Lent is about purifying ourselves of sin but also about strengthening our resolve to be heralds of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus told Nicodemus that he was sent into the world because God the Father loved the world so much that he wanted to bring the people back to him, he wanted them to share in the life of the Kingdom, and the way to do that was to allow his Son to give his life that they might live eternally. That is something for which we should all rejoice.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 14: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday 15: Fourth Week of Lent
Tuesday 16: Fourth Week of Lent
Wednesday 17: St Patrick
Thursday 18: Fourth Week of Lent
Friday 19: St Joseph
Saturday 20: Fourth Week of Lent

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PROTECTOR OF THE CHILD JESUS

Little is known about Joseph except that he was of the line of David which was essential in order for Jesus to be legally of the line and House of David in fulfilment of the Scriptures. What is more important for us is the example which Joseph left us. He was a man of faith who played his role in God's salvific plan for us; he was obedient to the will of God; he had a love for the Law and its fulfilment; he showed piety and fortitude in times of trial; he had a chaste love for the Blessed Virgin Mary; and he exercised his paternal authority with due care. Joseph could very easily have walked away from Mary and her child but, being a man of faith, he heeded the message of the angel and took Mary as his wife despite the gossiping and judgement that must have come with it. He is, therefore, a true example of Christian living and is the Protector of the Church. Joseph is also the patron of carpenters and manual workers.

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).

ST PATRICK'S DAY

On Wednesday, March 17, Masses will be available online at 8.00am and 10.00am.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

We wish all mums a very happy Mother's Day. Ordinarily we would wish that families would gather with their mother today but this year that is not possible. We hope that, despite the distancing, mothers will receive good wishes from their families today and that they will hear the voices of their children and grandchildren. We remember, too, all those mothers who have gone to their eternal reward.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN APPEAL

Trócaire boxes are still available in the church for those who wish to contribute to the Lenten Appeal. Between now and the end of Lent, boxes and donations can be left in to the Mass Office & Church Shop and we will forward them to Trócaire.

God loved the world so much that he gave
his only Son.

John 3:16

PARISH OFFICE

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

Email: parish@whitefriarstrectchurch.ie

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