



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

May 31, 2020  
Pentecost  
Sunday

**SACRAMENTS**

**Private Prayer**

Monday to Saturday:

11.00am to 2.30pm.

Sunday:

11.00am to 3.30pm

**Masses**

Mass will be available live through our website each day as follows:

Monday to Saturday:

8.00am, 10.00am,

3.00pm

Sunday:

8.00am, 10.00am,

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. Petitions can still be sent in by post or email. The blessing with the Relics of St Jude and of St Thérèse of Lisieux will take place.

**Confessions**

Monday to Saturday:

11.00am to 12.30pm

**Baptisms & Weddings**

Contact the parish office.

Join us for liturgy through our webcam



In the Jewish religious calendar, the feast of Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Passover and faithful Jews were expected to make the journey to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast at the Temple. This was why the apostles and disciples were back in Jerusalem that day – despite their fear of being arrested like Jesus, they still came to the Temple to worship God and observe the religious holy days. The city was also bustling with many other visitors to observe the festival. Yet, unlike the other visitors, the disciples kept to themselves even after the Lord had appeared to them and spoken with them in the first forty days after the Passover. Now, however, everything was about to change.

The book of the Acts of the Apostles tells of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of Jesus Christ and of the effect it had on them. One effect was that when the Holy Spirit came down upon them, all fear was overcome and they went out into the streets with confidence and strength. Another effect was that they were able to speak in different languages. They began to teach the people in the streets about the risen Jesus and all those who were in the city were able to understand what was being said, no matter where they came from.

This was the moment the Lord had been preparing them for, the moment when they would take his mission to preach the Good News of the love of God and to do so beginning from Jerusalem but to preach to all peoples. This is the birth of the Church, the day its mission of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ began, a mission and task which has never ceased, but which is as important and necessary now as it was all those centuries ago.

As heirs of the Apostles we too have received the Holy Spirit, most notably at Baptism and Confirmation, and it is up to us to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and to give praise and glory to God by the lives we lead. We should also follow the example of the Apostles on Pentecost Day and spread the Good News about the Kingdom of God beginning in our own homes and neighbourhoods. We can do this by living out the Gospel in our lives, by allowing the Gospel to guide our decisions, by letting others see that we believe in Jesus Christ.

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### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 31:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday 1:	Mary – Mother of the Church
Tuesday 2:	Ordinary Time – Week 9
Wednesday 3:	St Kevin
Thursday 4:	St Charles Lwanga
Friday 5:	St Boniface
Saturday 6:	Ordinary Time – Week 9

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

#### ST KEVIN, ABBOT

Kevin (Coemgenus) was one of the great sixth century Irish saints. He grew up in Kilnamanagh, Dublin, and later went to Glendalough, Co Wicklow, to become a hermit where he settled in Disert Caoimhghin, by the upper lake. In time, several other hermits joined him and soon the great monastic settlement of Glendalough grew up by the lakes and continued to spread after his death in 618.

#### ST BONIFACE, BISHOP & MARTYR

Boniface was born in Devon, south-west England, about the year 675. He became a monk and left England in 716 to preach the Gospel in Germany, where he established monasteries and dioceses before carrying out an ecclesiastical reform in Gaul (roughly present-day France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Switzerland and northern Italy). He was consecrated bishop in 722 and was later Primate of Germany. In his seventies, he retired and travelled about the country again. He was martyred for the faith in Friesland, in northern Holland, in 754.

### MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

The Mass Office is open Monday to Saturday from 11.00am to 2.15pm for a window service – there is no entry to the shop at present.

Other enquiries:

☎ 01 475 8821

Email: [shop@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie](mailto: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.

### WHEN CAN WE HAVE PUBLIC MASS AGAIN?

Many people have asked this question because they have a great desire to be closer to the Lord and to receive Holy Communion. The date given by the government for the return of public Mass is July 20. Coming to Mass is not the same as going to a shop: at Mass we will be in close proximity to others not for a few minutes but for half an hour, and receiving Holy Communion means being in very close proximity to a priest or Minister of the Eucharist. It is important that we remain patient and vigilant for a little while longer and pray that things may improve quickly and allow the date for public Mass to be brought forward.

### THANK YOU

The Carmelite Community at Whitefriar Street are very grateful to all those who have joined us for daily Mass through our website, and to all those who have sent in messages of support and who have made charitable donations through our website. We continue to remember all of you in our prayers.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL URGENT FUNDRAISING APPEAL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) has launched an urgent fundraising appeal as it expects calls for help in the coming weeks to escalate.

Donations can be made online at [www.svp.ie/donate](http://www.svp.ie/donate), by telephone (0818 176 176), or leave an envelope in the church or Mass Office marked 'St Vincent de Paul'.

My God, I choose everything, I will not be a Saint by halves, I am not afraid of suffering for Thee, I only fear one thing, and that is to do my own will. Accept the offering of my will, for I choose all that Thou willest.

*Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face  
Carmelite Nun, Doctor of the Church  
1873 – 1897*

### PARISH OFFICE

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

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Email: [parish@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie](mailto:parish@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie)

### CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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