



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

March 8, 2020  
The Second Sunday  
of Lent

**SACRAMENTS**

**Masses**

Sundays:

Vigil 6.00pm

AM: 8.00, 10.30, 11.30

PM: 12.30, 4.00, 7.00

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

**Baptisms & Weddings**

Contact the parish office

Living abroad?

Join us for liturgy  
through our webcam.



*The Transfiguration of Jesus*

The Second Sunday of Lent gives us the Transfiguration of the Lord in the presence of three of his disciples – Peter, James and John. Important and significant encounters between God and his people took place on the summit of cloud covered mountains, and both elements are found in the story of the Transfiguration which raises the significance of this event. With Jesus are Moses and Elijah who were the two key figures of the Old Testament – one representing the Law and the other the Prophets – and their presence gives support to the person of Jesus and to his mission. In that moment, when Jesus appeared as light, Peter recognised him for who he really is and addressed him as ‘Lord’. It appears that the disciples were not afraid at what they saw but it was when the voice of God came from the cloud that the disciples became terrified, and perhaps this was because of the command that was given to them to listen to what Jesus had to say and to do what he would tell them to do. The words of Jesus are not nice, sentimental messages and phrases, but are the words by which we should live our life and that calls for a transformation in each of us. When Moses and Elijah left him, Jesus touched the disciples and they regained their strength and continued on their way.

We are called to believe like the three disciples and to have faith and confidence in God, as Abraham had generations before. This time of penance and transformation is about making ourselves ready for that great day when our true glory will be revealed as was Christ’s glory on the mountain top – a glory which is ours if we but strengthen our faith and remove sin from our lives. We can attain that by really listening to the words of Jesus and making them a guiding principle in our lives.

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### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 8:	Second Sunday of Lent
Monday 9:	Second Week of Lent
Tuesday 10:	Second Week of Lent
Wednesday 11:	Second Week of Lent
Thursday 12:	Second Week of Lent
Friday 13:	Second Week of Lent
Saturday 14:	Second Week of Lent

### A LENTEN REFLECTION

Because one cannot understand sin, one must be tempted to doubt its reality. Or call it relatively harmless mischief – like violating a code of obligations intended for somebody much better than I am. ... But denial merely renders its destructive effects invisible to me; this is blindness to danger, not freedom. We make no progress by forgetting sin and concentrating on 'positive realities' – because progress is a matter of deeper apprehension of truth. Spiritual growth is hastened considerably by our becoming more aware of the *reality* of sin in our life. ...

In some mysterious way we attain a depth of experience of God only by being exposed to our sinfulness. ... Moreover, awareness of sin serves as a generator of prayer. As Saint Augustine remarked, 'Because we are human we are also weak; because we are weak, we pray'. To deny one's proneness to evil is ultimately to deny one's humanity.

*Michael Casey, OCSO: 'Toward God – The Ancient Wisdom of Western Prayer'. Page 150.*

### CHURCH SHOP, MASS OFFICE & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Sunday: 10.00am – 2.00pm  
Monday to Friday: 8.30am – 5.00pm.  
Tuesday extra: 7.30pm – 8.15pm  
Saturday: 9.30am – 6.00pm  
☎ 01 475 8821  
Email: [shop@whitefriarstrecthurch.ie](mailto:shop@whitefriarstrecthurch.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.

### THE NOVENA OF GRACE

The Novena of Grace continues in this church this week and ends on Thursday, March 12. The Novena Mass takes place at 3.00pm each day (4.00pm on Sunday, March 8), and this year's preacher is Fr Bernard McGuckian, S.J. All are welcome.

### LENTEN TALKS – CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

On the Saturdays in Lent a series of spiritual talks will take place next door in the Carmelite Community Centre to help us reflect on the place of God in our lives as we prepare for Easter. Each talk is given by a different speaker – religious or lay – and each one begins at 12.00 noon and lasts about an hour. Admission is free and all are welcome.

### COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, it is important that we all take precautions to avoid infection. Accordingly, the holy water fonts will remain empty, the Sign of Peace is suspended, and Holy Communion will be received on the hand and **not** on the tongue. It is essential that those with a coeliac condition speak to the priest or sacristan in plenty of time **before** Mass to ensure that they can receive. At the back of the church there is a bin for disposing of used tissues only. These precautions will remain in place until the outbreak ends.

For though we know quite well that God is present in all that we do, our nature is such that it makes us lose sight of the fact; but when this favour is granted it can no longer do so, for the Lord, who is near at hand, awakens it. And even the favours aforementioned occur much more commonly, as the soul experiences a vivid and almost constant love for Him whom it sees or knows to be at its side.

*St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila),  
Carmelite Nun, Doctor of the Church  
1515 – 1582*

### PARISH OFFICE

For certificates of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or to book a baptism or a wedding.  
Monday to Friday: 9.00am – 1.00pm  
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