

# WHITEFRIAR STREET CHURCH

The Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Shrine of Saint Valentine. Dublin 2

November 15, 2020 Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

## **SACRAMENTS**

(As Dublin is at Level 5)

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



Parable of the Talents

This weekend's gospel parable tells of a man who, before he went on a journey, entrusted his property to his servants. To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one talent. Upon his return he asked for his money back and discovered that some of his servants had improved on what he had given them which he then rewards for their efforts. The last just hid the talent away and gave back exactly what he had been entrusted with, nothing more and nothing less and so received a rebuke and was dismissed from his master's presence.

It is not enough for us to simply say that we believe in God: we must put that faith into practice and live it out in our lives so that we may give glory to God and help others to come to know him. The first two servants traded with the man's money, which seems a perilous thing to do, but it is a reminder that living a life of faith is, at times, a risky thing, but, in that risk, we will find growth and strength. In doing so, we will have taken what the Lord has given us and improved on it, thereby helping to build up his Kingdom.

Simply coming to church each Sunday and saying the same few prayers in the same time-honoured way, but without doing anything with the faith beyond that, or without living the faith in our daily lives, will gain us nothing and will not grow the faith but simply see it stagnate, and for that we will not necessarily enter the Kingdom. This is a reminder that our faith is to be something alive and active, something to be worked at and strengthened, something to grow and develop as we strive to enter the Kingdom. Faith cannot be buried away but must be nourished and nurtured because God's gifts are not an ornament to be left gathering dust on a shelf – they are life-giving for the receiver and the community and all those whom we meet, live with and work with.

#### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 15: Ordinary Time – Sunday 33

Monday 16: Carmelite Saints

Tuesday 17: St Elizabeth of Hungary

Wednesday 18: Carmelite Souls

Thursday 19: Ordinary Time – Week 33

Friday 20: Ordinary Time – Week 33

Saturday 21: Presentation of the BVM

#### A MEMORIAL OR TWO THIS WEEK...

#### ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Princess Elizabeth, daughter of King Andreas II of Hungary and niece of St Hedwig, was born in Bratislava in 1207. At the age of fourteen she married Louis IV, Landgrave of Thuringia and they had three children. Six years later, in 1227, Louis died in a crusade. Elizabeth gave up her finery and became a Third Order Franciscan, devoting her life to the poor, which she had begun when Louis was alive but which her inlaws were not happy with, though unable to prevent while Louis lived. Elizabeth died in 1231, aged 24.

# PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

While Mary said 'yes' to the message of the angel at the Annunciation, today's feast commemorates Mary's relationship with God before that – if not, then Mary would not have been chosen for such a great honour as being the Mother of God. The feast of the Presentation of Mary recalls the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple and suggests that Mary's life was, in some way, consecrated to God from her own earliest years.

## MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP &

GENERAL ENQUIRIES – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sunday: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 4.00pm.

Saturday: 9.30am - 4.00pm

Other enquiries: 201 475 8821

Email: 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.

#### REMAINING VIGILANT

While Covid-19 is a significant threat, we recommend and ask all those visiting our church to adhere to the following:

- Wear a face mask 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 while lighting candles.
- 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).

#### **ONLINE SHOP**

Our new online shop is now available and items – including Mass Cards, prayer cards, statues, etc. – can be ordered and sent out to anywhere in Ireland or around the world. A click-and-collect service is also available. To see what is available or to place an order, please visit:

https://shop.whitefriarstreetchurch.com/

## REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD

Throughout the month of November, we remember and pray in particular for all those who have died, that the Lord in his mercy may welcome them to the heavenly banquet. Sheets are available in Calvary for those who wish to write the names of their deceased loved ones. These sheets can be placed in the box by the table at the back of the benches, from where they will be placed before the altar.

# ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

The annual Remembrance Mass for all those whose funerals took place in this church over the past twelve months will take place at 3.00pm on Saturday, November 21. Though the church is closed for public Mass and families will not be able to attend in person, the Mass will be livestreamed.

# **PARISH OFFICE**

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

**2** 01 475 8821

Email: parish@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie

## **CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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Email: info@carmelitecommunitycentre.com