



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

April 19, 2020
Second Sunday of
Easter

SACRAMENTS

In keeping with the Government and H.S.E. restrictions of March 27, Whitefriar Street Church will remain closed until restrictions are lifted.

Masses

Mass is not celebrated publicly in our church at this time.

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

Those whose names were enrolled for Mass will still be remembered on the day, though not at the time originally intended. Names may still be added.

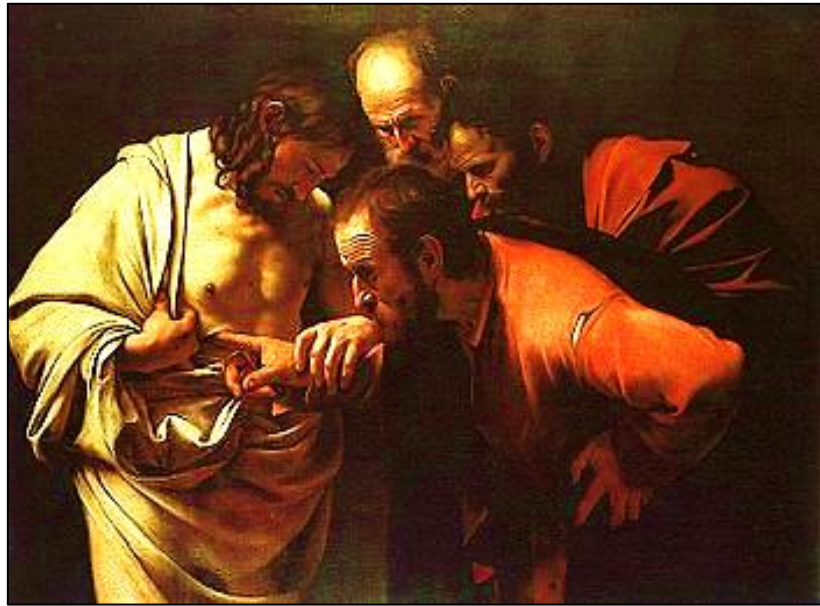
St Jude Novena

This will 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.

Baptisms & Weddings

Contact the parish office

Join us for liturgy through our webcam.



Doubt no longer but believe...

The gospel for the second Sunday of Easter – which may also be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday – records two appearances of the Risen Lord. The disciples were in hiding for fear of the Jews and it is possible that this encounter took place on Sunday, the day of resurrection itself. Jesus appeared among the disciples without having used the door to gain entry. To show that he was the same person who they had seen only days before, he showed them the marks of the crucifixion. They recognised him and were overjoyed at seeing him. Twice he wished them peace and he also commissioned them to go out and do the work that God the Father had sent him to do.

On that first occasion, Thomas was absent but was present when the Lord appeared again eight days later and was gently scolded by the Lord for not believing what his companions had said to him days earlier. Thomas was also in stark contrast to last week's gospel passage in which John simply saw the empty tomb and immediately believed that Jesus had risen from the dead. Not only can Thomas see the Lord's body, but he is also told to touch it so that there can be no doubting that Jesus is alive. This also demonstrates that Jesus is not a ghost or spirit creature but is very much a living human body. Thomas then declared Jesus to be *'My Lord and my God'* which is what the gospel was leading up to – the divinity and Lordship of Jesus.

The episode with Thomas is also a reminder to us that we don't need to seek concrete and physical proof for the resurrection or the presence of Jesus Christ, but we should trust in the Holy Spirit and in the writings of sacred scripture and so place our faith and hope in him.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 19: Second Sunday of Easter
Monday 20: Second Week of Easter
Tuesday 21: Second Week of Easter
Wednesday 22: Second Week of Easter
Thursday 23: Second Week of Easter
Friday 24: Second Week of Easter
Saturday 25: St Mark, Evangelist

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

FEAST OF ST MARK, THE EVANGELIST

There is not very much known about St Mark. It was thought that he was the young man referred to in Mark 14:51-52 who fled at the arrest of Jesus, though there is no proof of this. He was a companion of St Paul on his first missionary journey, as noted by Paul in his writings. Later, he joined St Peter, on whose teachings his Gospel is based, a gospel which was written for Christians who were being persecuted in Rome to show them that Christ too suffered but never gave up. According to tradition, he founded the Church in Alexandria in Egypt and was probably its bishop when he was martyred about the year 74AD. The symbol for St Mark is the winged lion.



CHURCH SHOP, MASS OFFICE & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

The Mass Office will remain closed until restrictions are eased.

Mass cards can still be ordered by telephoning 01 472 0927 and they will be sent out by post.

Other enquiries:

☎ 01 475 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.

Donations for our church

We thank all those who have continued to support our church during these difficult weeks for all of us. Be assured of our gratitude and our prayers.

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

Trócaire Lenten Appeal

Trócaire boxes can be left in once the church re-opens. In the meantime, those who wish to support the work of Trócaire can make a donation at www.trocaire.org/donate.

Safeguarding

Whitefriar Street Church is run by the Order of Carmelites (O.Carm.), who take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously and employs personnel in this area. If anyone has a child protection concern, they should contact:

Ms Mary Tallon – Designated Liaison Person

Telephone: 087 388 0855

Email: DLP@gortmuire.com

For whereas speaking distracts, silence and work collect the thoughts and strengthens the spirit. As soon therefore as a person understands what has been said to him for his good, there is not further need to hear or to discuss; but to set himself in earnest to practice what he has learnt with silence and attention, in humility, charity, and contempt of self.

*Saint John of the Cross
Carmelite Priest, Doctor of the Church
1542 – 1591*

PARISH OFFICE

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

☎ 01 475 8821

Email: parish@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie

CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

☎ 01 475 4673

Email: info@carmelitecommunitycentre.com