



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

April 25, 2021  
The Fourth Sunday  
of Easter

**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*



In this weekend's gospel, we have the 'Good Shepherd' passage from St John in which Jesus tells his listeners that he is the good shepherd who willingly gives his life for his sheep, a self-sacrifice which is freely given and is pleasing to the Father. This self-sacrifice recalls the crucifixion of Jesus to restore us to full union with God. A hired servant would never do this for sheep that were not his own – his loyalty would have no depth. We belong to the Lord and for our salvation he died for us because, unlike us at times, the Lord is utterly loyal to us and calls us to return that loyalty by how we live and act.

Those who believe in Jesus listen to his voice and do as he commands and so they will be gathered together into the one, true fold. The challenge for us is to live as outcasts from the world and to shun the ways of this world which are against the precepts and ideals of the Gospel, and to do all for the glory which has been promised us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Of note also in the passage is the Lord's use of the words 'I am' which reminds us of God speaking to Moses at the burning bush. Moses had asked God what name he should give the people for the One who was giving him the mission to lead the people to freedom, and God replied with the name 'I Am who I Am' (Exodus 3:14). We see, therefore, the clear connection between Jesus and the Father and the repetition of the words 'I Am' re-enforced for the early Christians that Jesus is indeed God.

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### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Monday 26: Fourth Week of Easter  
Tuesday 27: Fourth Week of Easter  
Wednesday 28: Fourth Week of Easter  
Thursday 29: St Catherine of Siena  
Friday 30: Fourth Week of Easter  
Saturday 1: Fourth Week of Easter

### A SAINT THIS WEEK

#### ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH & PATRONESS OF EUROPE

Born in 1347 in Siena, in the Tuscany region to the north-east of central Italy, Catherine became a Dominican Tertiary at the age of sixteen and lived a life of charitable works, which saw many people – men and women, clerical and lay – join her in her work. She became involved in politics and was instrumental in getting Pope Gregory XI to leave Avignon, southern France, and return the papacy to Rome. She died in 1380 leaving behind more than 400 letters and a great mystical work, 'Dialogue'. She was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970, and Patroness of Europe in the Jubilee Year, 2000.



### 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](mailto: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.
- 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).

We continue to pray for a swift return to public worship and the celebration of the Eucharist together.

Silence is more important than any other human work. Because it expresses God. The true revolution comes from silence; it leads us toward God and others so as to place us humbly and generously at their service.

*Robert Cardinal Sarah  
'The Power of Silence', Paragraph 68*

And of what should we be afraid? Our captain on this battlefield is Christ Jesus. We have discovered what we have to do. Christ has bound our enemies for us and weakened them that they cannot overcome us unless we so choose to let them. So we must fight courageously and mark ourselves with the sign of the most Holy Cross.

*Saint Catherine of Siena,  
Dominican Tertiary and Doctor of the Church  
1347-1380*

### PARISH OFFICE

For certificates of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or to book a baptism or a wedding.  
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### CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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