



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

March 7, 2021
The Third Sunday of
Lent

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

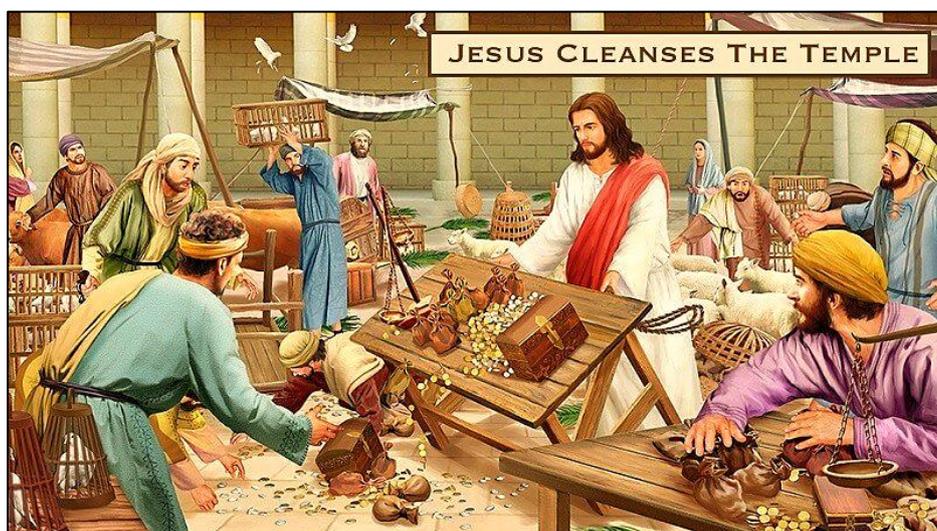
Monday to Saturday:

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*



The readings for this Third Sunday of Lent remind us of the need to be cleansed and of the standard against which we should look at how we live. The first reading comes from the Book of Exodus and gives us the Ten Commandments – the most basic law for moral living. It is a reminder in this season of Lent of the basic commands we should refer to when reviewing our life and to consider that these could be the summary or checklist that the Lord himself might use when we come before his throne and seek admittance to his Kingdom.

In the gospel, we read of Jesus driving the money changers out of the Temple because they had profaned the building and had not given it its due respect as the house of God, the one building where God dwelt among his people. In the questioning which followed, Jesus predicted his own death and resurrection which his questioners did not fully understand, and which the apostles only understood after his resurrection had occurred.

There is also a shift in this episode: the great Temple, which was built as the house of God in Jerusalem, was no longer to be the sole house where God dwelt on earth. Instead, his Son is the new temple and so God can be worshipped anywhere rather than in just one specific building in one city in the world.

Through Jesus Christ's Death and Resurrection, we are given the supreme example of love: the love of God the Son who died that we might have life. In the light of this we are challenged to really look at our lives being mindful of the Ten Commandments – which are very short indeed – and to live by them in order to win the glory promised us. The commandments should be seen not as things that we should not do, but as an invite to do things the way God wants us to do them and so live righteously in his eyes and secure our place in the Kingdom.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 7: Third Sunday of Lent
Monday 8: Third Week of Lent
Tuesday 9: Third Week of Lent
Wednesday 10: Third Week of Lent
Thursday 11: Third Week of Lent
Friday 12: Third Week of Lent
Saturday 13: Third Week of Lent

A REFLECTION

'Confidence is learned by experience' (St Augustine: *On the Psalms*). We are never really sure unless we have tried something for ourselves. This is true of the mercy of God. Sureness about forgiveness comes from having one's sins forgiven. This is a point Jesus himself made. Only one who has had many sins forgiven can love deeply (see Luke 7:47). Even if we seem through malice to have ended Christ's life within us, there is still scope for mercy. We can always pray. We are certainly not excluded from the prayer of the tax-collector (Luke 18:13); nor from the Our Father, which asks forgiveness of sins, protection from temptation and deliverance from the power of the evil one (Matthew 6:12-13). Even the Hail Mary includes the phrase 'Pray for us sinners'. There is no evidence at all in Christian tradition that sin disqualifies us from prayer.

Michael Casey, OCSO: 'Toward God – The Ancient Wisdom of Western Prayer'. Page 156.

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
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, particularly when lighting candles and visiting the Crib.
- 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).

DATES OF EASTER AND PASSOVER

At the Council of Nicaea in 325, the date for Easter was fixed as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. In 2021, therefore, Easter Sunday falls on April 4 in Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches, whereas in Eastern Orthodox Churches it falls on Sunday, May 2. The reason for the difference is that two different calendars are used: the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches use the Gregorian calendar while the Eastern Orthodox use the more ancient Julian calendar. The Julian calendar was reformed in 1582 to create the Gregorian calendar and, as part of those reforms, ten days were removed from the calendar which often results in a difference in the date for Easter in the East and West.

The Feast of Passover in the Jewish Faith lasts seven days and this year begins at sundown on the evening of March 27 (the fourteenth day of Nisan in the year 5781 in the Jewish calendar). Therefore, the Jewish Feast of Passover and the Catholic celebration of the Lord's Passover overlap this year.

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

John 6:68

PARISH OFFICE

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

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