

## WHITEFRIAR STREET CHURCH

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

April 18, 2021 The Third 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.

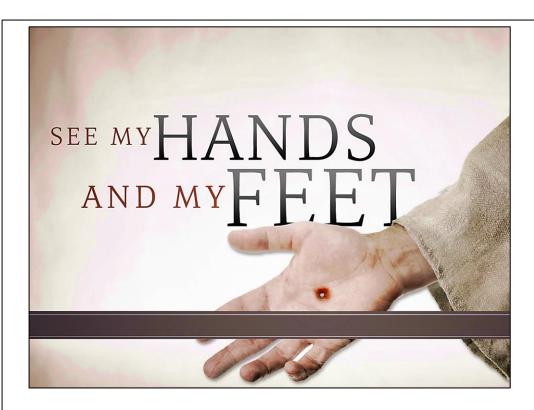
## Confessions

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 St Luke's account of the first appearance of Jesus to the assembled disciples soon after the resurrection.

The two companions had returned from Emmaus and were telling the others of their encounter with the Risen Lord when the Lord himself stood in the midst of them. He greeted them but they were afraid, and it was only when he showed them the wounds of his passion and invited them to touch him that they accepted that it was him, and they were overjoyed. He also ate some fish to prove that he was not a ghost. They had heard others tell their story of seeing him and yet they still doubted the truth of the resurrection. The Lord spoke with them and they came to see that what was happening had been foretold in scripture. He then sent them out to preach forgiveness in his name and, through their efforts and the efforts of those who would come after them, forgiveness is still to be preached to all the nations.

We too are called to have true faith in the Risen Lord because he is still merciful and intercedes for us before the Father no matter how often we fall. It was the wounds of his passion that allowed the disciples to recognise the Risen Lord, wounds made not simply by nails and spear but the wounds of the Lord's overwhelming love for us that saw him suffer for us. We see those wounds every time we look at the body on the cross and it is now for us to return that love and to do all we can for the Lord.

#### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 18: Third Sunday of Easter

Monday 19: Third Week of Easter

Tuesday 20: Third Week of Easter

Wednesday 21: Third Week of Easter

Thursday 22: Third Week of Easter

Friday 23: Third Week of Easter

Saturday 24: Third Week of Easter

#### **A REFLECTION**

The presence of temptation is an indication that everything is going well; its absence may be a cause for alarm. Temptation makes visible the radical dividedness of the heart; that may be unwelcome news, but it is better to know about it than not.

Saint Aelred of Rivaulx wrote:

The devil does not care about tempting a person whom he already has in his power. The devil has no care to approach those who obey their own concupiscence in all things and satisfy the desires of the flesh; but if they begin to throw off their concupiscences and struggle against the desires of their flesh, then the devil is grieved and he comes forward with a sharper attack.

Saint Augustine wrote:

Our life here in this time of journeying cannot be without temptation, for it is through temptation that we make progress and it is only by being tempted that we come to know ourselves.

Michael Casey, OCSO: 'Grace – On the Journey to God'.

Pages 55, 56.

# 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@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie

Web: https://shop.whitefriarstreetchurch.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).

#### **USED STAMPS**

If you have unwanted used stamps at home or in the office, or unwanted stamp collections, they can be put to good use to support the work of our Carmelite brothers in Zimbabwe. Used stamps can be given in at the Mass Office & Shop for Fr T. McDonald, O.Carm.

I understand and I know from experience that: 'The kingdom of God is within you.' Jesus has no need of books or teachers to instruct souls; He teaches without the noise of words. Never have I heard Him speak, but I feel that He is within me at each moment; He is guiding and inspiring me with what I must say and do. I find just when I need them certain lights that I had not seen until then, and it isn't most frequently during my hours of prayer that these are most abundant but rather in the midst of my daily occupations.

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face Carmelite Nun, Doctor of the Church 1873 – 1897

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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

Email: parish@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie

#### **CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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