



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

July 26, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday
of Ordinary Time

SACRAMENTS

Masses

Sundays:

AM: 8.00, 10.30

PM: 12.30, 4.00

Weekdays:

AM: 8.00, 10.00, 11.30

PM: 1.10, 3.00

Bank Holidays:

AM: 10.00, 11.30

Holy days:

*according to the day of
the week*

Confessions

Monday to Friday:

AM: 10.30-11.30

PM: 3.00-4.00

Saturdays:

AM: 10.30-12.30

PM: 2.00-4.00

Devotions at 2.30pm

Monday: Miraculous

*Medal – Rosary &
Benediction*

Friday: Exposition of the

*Blessed Sacrament –
silent prayer*

Saturday: Our Lady of

*Mount Carmel –
Rosary & Benediction*

St Jude Novena

Tuesdays at 8.00pm

*including blessing with
the Relics of St Jude and
of St Thérèse of Lisieux*

*Living abroad or
unable to attend?*

*Join us for liturgy
through our webcam*




The pearl of great price

In this weekend's gospel, Jesus gives three parables concerning the Kingdom. In the first two, the person who discovers the hidden treasure, or the pearl, lets go of everything else in their life in order to have what they have found because they realise its value which surpasses everything else they have. These little stories are reminders that there is nothing in this world comparable to the Kingdom – everything else is passing and cannot be taken with us when we die. The Kingdom is eternal and is a place of happiness and peace lived in the presence of the Lord. Therefore, we must take every opportunity to secure our place in the Kingdom, even if that means letting go of everything else in life, including life itself. The message is that the way to the Kingdom is through wisdom and not through riches. The first reading gives us the moment when God appeared to Solomon and told the new king to ask for anything he wanted. Where most people would have asked for wealth and victories, Solomon asked for wisdom, and this won him God's favour.

The third parable is about a dragnet the fishermen used and which dragged up not just good fish but useless things as well. This reminds us that the world is composed of saints and sinners, good and not-so-good people. Both groups live side by side and it is for God to sort them at the end of time, for to God alone belongs judgement. We must live in patience, looking after our own souls, doing all we can to lead good and faithful lives, lives whose example should bring others with us to the Kingdom.

The Lord also reminds us in this passage that not everyone will be admitted to the Kingdom – many will be left outside. It is the Lord who decides who enters and it is him we must please if we are to enter. Therefore, we must give up our own self-oriented ways and make the Lord and his Kingdom the centre of our lives if we are to enter and live with him in eternal happiness.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 26: Ordinary Time – Sunday 17
Monday 27: Bl. Titus Brandsma, Carmelite
Tuesday 28: Ordinary Time – Week 17
Wednesday 29: St Martha
Thursday 30: Ordinary Time – Week 17
Friday 31: St Ignatius of Loyola
Saturday 1: St Alphonsus Liguori

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

Blessed Titus Brandsma, Carmelite & Martyr

Anno Sjoerd Brandsma was born at Bolsward, The Netherlands, in 1881, and joined the Carmelite Order in 1898 taking the name 'Titus', being ordained priest in 1905. In time he became a professor and then *Rector Magnificus* at the Catholic University of Nijmegen. He was also a journalist. During the 1930's he visited Ireland to improve his English before giving a series of lectures in the United States. Throughout the 1930s Nazi propaganda was on the rise but Fr Titus refused to support or print anything in support of the Nazi regime. Fr Titus was arrested by the Gestapo on January 19, 1942, and imprisoned in his native country before being sent to the concentration camp at Dachau where he brought comfort and peace to his fellow prisoners. In Dachau he was experimented on in the medical wing and was finally put to death by lethal injection on July 26, 1942. He was beatified in 1985 and the cause for his canonisation continues which, we pray, will soon be successful.

MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Sunday: 10.00am - 2.00pm
Monday to Friday: 8.30am - 5.00pm.
Tuesday extra: 7.30pm - 8.15pm
Saturday: 9.30am - 5.00pm
Other enquiries: ☎ 01 475 8821
Email: shop@whitefriarstrectchurch.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.

KEEPING SAFE

We are still getting used to the new ways of doing things but it is essential that we all do our bit in order to protect ourselves and others and thereby shorten the time until we can return to the old normality.

The important things to remember are: social distancing throughout the building; using hand sanitising gel regularly; wearing face masks in church, even during Mass; following a one-way-system coming to Holy Communion, and only receiving on the hand; avoid crowding at the end of Mass but leaving the church slowly while keeping a physical distance.

People can 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).

All of this will take getting used to, but we must make every effort if we are to remain open. We ask everyone to continue to co-operate with our sacristans and staff members in this matter.

NUMBERS ABLE TO ATTEND MASS

The current restrictions mean that we cannot accommodate the same numbers at Mass as we used to, even at funerals. There will be times when we will have to close the church gate while Mass is being celebrated. Please be understanding if our sacristans have already closed the gate when you arrive.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Due to Covid-19 many pilgrimages have been cancelled, including the Annual Carmelite Pilgrimage to Knock. However, this year's pilgrimage will take place online and will be celebrated in the parish church in Knock by the two provincials at 3.00pm on Sunday, July 26, 2020. The pilgrimage Mass will be broadcast on the Knock Shrine website: www.knockshrine.ie.

The faithless will be fully repaid for their ways,
and the good rewarded for theirs.

*Old Testament Book of Proverbs
14:14*

PARISH OFFICE

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