



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

January 5, 2020  
The Second Sunday  
of Christmas

**SACRAMENTS**

**Masses**

**Sundays:**

Vigil 6.00pm

AM: 8.00, 10.30, 11.30

PM: 12.30, 4.00, 7.00

**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:**

10.30-11.30; 3.00-4.00

**Saturdays:**

10.30-12.30, 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

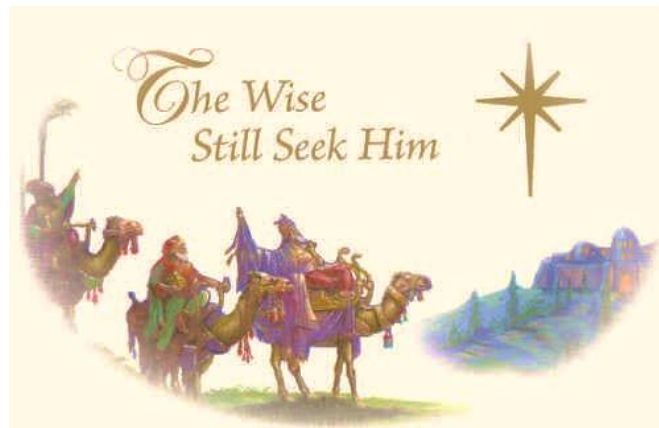
**St Jude Novena**

**Tuesdays at 8.00pm**

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

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*Join us for liturgy through  
our webcam.*




*The Solemnity of the Epiphany*

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the first formal presentation of the Christ-child to the world represented by the three Wise Men from the east, traditionally named Caspar, Balthasar and Melchior. In truth we know very little about these three men and exactly what countries or cities they came from. They were regarded as wise because of their education and learning which led them to study the ancient texts and scriptures and read the signs of the times and follow a distant star. They were also often depicted as being royal kings. They carried with them three gifts – gold, frankincense and myrrh – which were expensive commodities and were probably intended as gifts for King Herod to mark the birth of who they thought was his new heir. Over time the gifts came to be associated with and to symbolise the royalty, divinity and death of Jesus.

The gifts also give a clue as to where these men came from and suggest that they came from the Nabateans who dominated the Arabian Peninsula. A trading nation, they moved goods to and from the Roman Empire, on ships to India, China and beyond, into North and East Africa, north to Persia, Asia Minor and beyond. Where there is trade in goods there is also exchanges in religion, language and culture, and in learning and knowledge.

These three men read the signs of the times and believed that a Saviour had been born, a Messiah they went in search of, and they didn't stop until they had found him and paid him homage, even under potential threat from Herod. We too must seek out the Messiah and it is still only the wise who seek and find him, because only those wise enough to realise their humility, their need of the Messiah and their desire for eternal life can see the Truth. We too must read the scriptures and the signs of the times and realise that the Lord is still among us, that the world still needs him.

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### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 5:	Second Sunday of Christmas
Monday 6:	Epiphany of the Lord
Tuesday 7:	After the Epiphany
Wednesday 8:	St Peter Thomas, Carmelite
Thursday 9:	St Andrew Corsini, Carmelite
Friday 10:	After the Epiphany
Saturday 11:	After the Epiphany

### A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

#### St Peter Thomas, Carmelite and Bishop

Peter Thomas was born about the year 1305 in southern Perigord, France, and became a Carmelite at the age of twenty-one. In 1345 he was chosen by the Order as its Procurator General to the papal court, which was then at Avignon in France. He was made Bishop of Patti and Lipari in 1354, Bishop of Corone (Koroni) in the Peloponnesus region of southern Greece in 1359, Papal Legate for the East, Archbishop of Crete in 1363, and Latin Patriarch of Constantinople in 1364. Throughout all of this he worked tirelessly for Church unity and was a special envoy on behalf of Pope Urban V on several occasions. In 1365 he was in charge of the military expedition against Alexandria during which he was injured, resulting in his death three months later at Famagosta, Cyprus, in 1366.

### CHURCH SHOP, MASS OFFICE & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Sunday: 10.00am - 2.00pm  
Monday to Friday: 8.30am - 5.00pm.  
Tuesday extra: 7.30pm - 8.15pm  
Saturday: 9.30am - 6.00pm  
☎ 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.

### Solemnity of the Epiphany

Monday, January 6, is the Solemnity of the Epiphany – Masses are as normal for a Monday.

### St Jude Novena

The Novena Mass, which has been running for several decades, continues each Tuesday evening at 8.00. It is a particular time of prayer each week to remember those intentions which are closest to our hearts. During this Mass, the congregation are blessed with the Relic of St Jude and the Relic of St Thérèse of Lisieux, and holy objects and the people sprinkled with holy water. All are welcome to join us.

### Lay Carmel/Third Order

The Whitefriar Street Chapter of the Carmelite Third Order/Lay Carmel meets about ten Saturdays in the year and the meetings consist on input or a short talk on a Carmelite topic, a time for quiet prayer, and the celebration of Mass. New members are always welcome and information leaflets can be had from Peggy Molloy or from the Church Shop.

*Another time I was working in the laundry, and the Sister opposite, while washing handkerchiefs, repeatedly splashed me with dirty water. My first impulse was to draw back and wipe my face, to show the offender I should be glad if she would behave more quietly; but the next minute I thought how foolish it was to refuse the treasures God offered me so generously, and I refrained from betraying my annoyance. On the contrary, I made such efforts to welcome the shower of dirty water, that at the end of half an hour I had taken quite a fancy to this novel kind of aspersion, and I resolved to come as often as I could to the happy spot where such treasures were freely bestowed.*

*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.  
Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 1.00pm  
☎ 01 475 8821  
Email: parish@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie

### CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

☎ 01 475 4673  
Email: info@carmelitecommunitycentre.com