



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

April 26, 2020
Third Sunday of
Easter

SACRAMENTS

In keeping with the Government and H.S.E. restrictions of March 27, Whitefriar Street Church will remain closed until restrictions are eased.

Masses

Mass is not celebrated publicly in our church at this time.

Mass will be available live through our website each day as follows:

Monday to Saturday:

8.00am, 10.00am,

3.00pm

Sunday:

8.00am, 10.00am,

4.00pm

Those whose names were enrolled for Mass will still be remembered on the day, though not at the time originally intended. Names may still be added.

St Jude Novena

This will be celebrated on Tuesdays at 8.00pm and will be livestreamed in our website. Petitions can still be sent in by post or email. The blessing with the Relics of St Jude and of St Thérèse of Lisieux will take place.

Baptisms & Weddings

Contact the parish office

Join us for liturgy through our webcam.



They recognised him at the breaking of bread...

The gospel passage for the Third Sunday of Easter comes from St Luke's gospel in which he recounts the story of two disciples on the road to Emmaus. This was on the first day of the week – Sunday - within hours of the resurrection and after the two friends had heard that Jesus had risen from the dead. However, it would appear that the two friends have now given up on Jesus and his Way even though they say things about Jesus which are the basis of faith for so many others.

Joining them on their walk, Jesus begins to explain how everything they have said and believed about the Messiah was correct and foretold in scripture, and yet they are still blind to the identity of the one who is talking to them. The two friends want to hear more and urge Jesus to stay with them and so he joins them for a meal. Only when they extend hospitality to this fellow traveller are their eyes open to him and they recognise him, and only then is true faith kindled within them, suggesting that true and powerful faith is only achieved by putting into practice what we believe. So too, the Lord reveals himself to us in many and different ways, but most especially when we are open to his presence and live in a Christian way. With faith renewed and strengthened, the two friends hurried back to Jerusalem even though it was late in the day and not safe to do so. Earlier they had discounted the women's story about Jesus having risen from the dead, but now they accept the story and the account that he had appeared to Simon also.

It is a reminder to us not to turn our back on the Lord because he does not seem to fit our ideas or does not seem to be present to us or has not appeared to us. We must always trust in him and work at deepening our faith.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 26: Third Sunday of Easter
Monday 27: Third Week of Easter
Tuesday 28: Third Week of Easter
Wednesday 29: St Catherine of Siena
Thursday 30: Third Week of Easter
Friday 1: Third Week of Easter
Saturday 2: St Athanasius

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, PATRONESS OF EUROPE

Born in 1347 in Siena, in the north-east of central Italy, Catherine became a Dominican Tertiary at the age of sixteen and lived a life of charitable works. She became involved in politics and was instrumental in getting Pope Gregory XI to return the papacy from Avignon, southern France, 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.

ST ATHANASIUS

Athanasius was born in 295 or 297 in Alexandria, Egypt. As a deacon he attended the Council of Nicaea, in modern-day Turkey, in 325 and impressed the Council Fathers with his defence of the divinity of Jesus Christ. He became Bishop of Alexandria in 328 and served as bishop for forty turbulent years. He fought against the heresies of the time was exiled from his diocese on five occasions, yet he never ceased to defend Jesus Christ and his Church. He died in the year 373.

CHURCH SHOP, MASS OFFICE & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

The Mass Office will remain closed until restrictions are eased.

Mass cards can still be ordered by telephoning 01 472 0927 and they will be sent out by post.

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.

Covid-19 and Re-opening the Church

It is our sincere hope that from May 5 there will be an easing of the current restrictions so that we will be able to re-open our church and welcome people once again for prayer and worship. However, we are very much aware that there will not be a quick return to normality, even in our church, and that we will have to do things differently within the building and even at the Sacraments. The social distancing recommendations will not be lifted soon and that will have an impact on the numbers of people who can be in the church at any one time, where they can sit, coming forward for Holy Communion, praying at the shrines, being in our Mass Office, Shop and Coffee Shop and more. Information signs will be in place when we re-open and we ask everyone to familiarise themselves with them, and to follow the advice and whatever new procedures will need to be put in place to keep everyone – visitors, staff and Carmelites – safe.

Donations for our church

We thank all those who have continued to support our church during these difficult weeks for all of us. Be assured of our gratitude and our prayers.

Thank you also to all those who have sent in messages of support and gratitude for our Masses relayed through our website.

I cannot imagine how religious persons can live satisfied without the practice of the presence of GOD. For my part I keep myself retired with Him in the depth of centre of my soul as much as I can; and while I am so with Him I fear nothing; but the least turning from Him is insupportable.

*Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection,
Carmelite Friar
1614-1691*

PARISH OFFICE

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

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