

# WHITEFRIAR STREET CHURCH

The Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Shrine of Saint Valentine

September 15, 2019 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **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

Living abroad? Join us for liturgy through our webcam.



Rejoice with me . . . I have found what was lost

At the start of the fifteenth chapter of St Luke's gospel we find a number of stories about people finding something which had gone astray and of their rejoicing at its return.

The first story sees a man who had a hundred sheep and one of the sheep strayed, so he went and found it and brought it back to the flock. In the second, a woman lost one of her ten drachmas and so she tore the house apart until she eventually found it. In the third we have the very familiar story of the Prodigal Son. The stories symbolise the love of God the Father for each and every one of us, a Father who is always ready and waiting to accept us back after we have strayed from the right path. Once we turn to him, he will restore us to that path and help us along the way to salvation.

The stories came about because many of the scribes and Pharisees complained that Jesus ate and associated with people who they had judged to be sinners. Jesus told his critics that the virtuous were already on the path to eternal life and so he did not need to convince them any further, However, those who were still straying from the path needed a gentle reminder which was why Jesus associated with those who were regarded as sinners by the self-righteous. The encounter is also a reminder that the Lord judges by standards different to our own and that the scribes and Pharisees were also sinners because of their judging attitude, though they were too blind to see it, and so the Lord was there to call them too.

The Lord challenges us to honestly look at our own lives and to seek the forgiveness of God in order to prepare ourselves for entry to eternal life and, hopefully, to the Kingdom.

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#### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 15: Ordinary Time – Sunday 24

Monday 16: St Cornelius & St Cyprian

Tuesday 17: St Albert of Jerusalem

Wednesday 18: Ordinary Time - Week 24

Thursday 19: Ordinary Time – Week 24

Friday 20: The Korean Martyrs

Saturday 21: St Matthew

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

# Feast of St Albert, Patriarch of Jerusalem & Lawgiver of Carmel

Albert Avogadro was born in the middle of the twelfth century in Castel Gualtieri in Italy. He became a Canon Regular of the Holy Cross, at Mortara, and was elected their prior in 1180. He was appointed Bishop of Bobbio in 1184, Bishop of Vercelli in 1185, and Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem in 1204. For nine years he was also a papal legate for Pope Clement III. Given the troubles in the Holy Land at the time of his appointment, he spent his time as Patriarch living in the northern coastal town of Acre where he was murdered by an unhappy Hospitaller on September 14, 1214. He is an important figure for the Carmelite Order because, during his time as Latin Patriarch, he was approached by the hermits living near the Spring of Elijah who asked him for a Rule of Life, a rule to govern their living in community. This he wrote in the form of a letter between 1206 and 1214 and in so doing gave the formal beginnings to what is the Order of Carmelites.

# 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

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# 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.

# **Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

The annual Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from September 24-29, 2019. Bookings can be made through Joe Walsh Tours. Information can also be had from the parish office.

# **Culture Night 2019**

Whitefriar Street Church will be taking part in the annual Culture Night events on Friday, September 20. The church will remain open until 9.00pm and will include a free organ recital after 6.00pm by our organist, Alexandr Nisse.

### Triduum in Honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux

Our annual triduum in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux begins on Sunday, September 29, and concludes on the feast day on Tuesday, October 1. The preacher this year is Fr P.J. Breen, O.Carm., Sub-Prior of Whitefriar Street Church, and he will preach at the 11.30 morning Mass and the 3.00 afternoon Mass (4.00 on Sunday) on each of the days.

# **Baptisms & Weddings**

We remind all those who wish to arrange a baptism or a wedding in Whitefriar Street Church to contact the parish office as soon as possible. Certificates of baptism, confirmation and marriage can also be obtained from the parish office.

The truly humble person will have a genuine desire to be thought little of, and persecuted, and condemned unjustly, even in serious matters. For, if she desires to imitate the Lord, how can she do so better than in this? And no bodily strength is necessary here, nor the aid of anyone save God.

St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), Carmelite Nun, Doctor of the Church 1515 – 1582

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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

Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 1.00pm

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### CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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