

WHITEFRIAR STREET CHURCH

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

November 17, 2019 Thirty-third 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

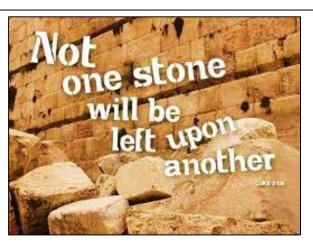
Devotions at 2.30pm

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.



The End Times

In the gospel passage for this weekend, Jesus foretold the destruction of Jerusalem and its Temple. Jesus also said that many other things would happen which people would assume to be signs of the end of the world. However, the faithful were not be deceived by such ideas but were to keep on believing and working. Before the world ends, the faithful would undergo persecution and, through it all, they were to remain faithful to Jesus Christ who would stand beside them and give them a strength and a defence that others would not be able to shake.

As we look at the world today, we can identify many catastrophic and increasingly destructive events in nature. We see that there are many places which live not just under the threat of war but in the midst of war, with many people displaced as a result. We are fully aware of the subtle but constant undermining of our religious faith and of all that belief in Jesus Christ stands for, and not just by the media and public figures and particular interest groups, but in our own families.

This doesn't mean that the world is going to end any time soon, as the Lord said in the gospel passage, but it is a reminder that things are changing, though not necessarily for the better. In this month we are remembering all those who have died and praying that they may be purified and soon enter the Kingdom. All of this should remind us that as things change and come to an end, we too will come to an end, we too will die. But do we give serious thought to that? Do we live our life with that idea and certainty in mind? The idea shouldn't frighten us, but it should make us look at how we live our lives and so be converted more and more to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The key is steadfast faith.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 17: Ordinary Time – Sunday 33

Monday 18: Ordinary Time – Week 33

Tuesday 19: Ordinary Time – Week 33

Wednesday 20: Ordinary Time – Week 33

Thursday 21: Presentation of the BVM

Friday 22: St Cecilia

Saturday 23: St Columban

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

Very little is actually known about Cecilia. Tradition has it that she was married at a young age to Valerian, a convert to Christianity, and who was martyred with his brother, Tiburtius. Cecilia is said to have been martyred by beheading in her own home after the attempt to suffocate her failed. She is the patron saint of musicians, though for reasons unknown.

Memorial of St Columban, Abbot

Columban (Columbanus) was born in Leinster in the mid-sixth century and became a monk. He left Bangor for France and founded the famous monastery of Luxeuil in the Vosges in eastern France. In 610 he was exiled from France by Queen Brunhilda and went to northern Italy, where he founded the equally famous monastery of Bobbio. He defended and maintained Irish customs and his strict Rule was very influential on European monasticism during the sixth and seventh centuries. He died in 615 in Bobbio, where a basilica is dedicated to him.

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.

Annual Remembrance Mass

The annual Remembrance Mass for all those whose funerals took place in Whitefriar Street Church over the past twelve months will take place at 6.00pm on Saturday next, November 23.

Lay Carmel

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.

The difficulties of life do not have to be unbearable. It is the way we look at them – through faith or unbelief – that makes them seem so. We must be convinced that our Father is full of love for us and that He only permits trials to come our way for our own good.

Let us occupy ourselves entirely in knowing God. The more we know Him, the more we will desire to know Him. As love increases with knowledge, the more we know God, the more we will truly love Him. We will learn to love Him equally in times of distress or in times of great joy

Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection, Carmelite Friar 1614-1691

Only in the agony of parting do we look into the depths of love.

George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans 1819-1880)

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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