



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

March 22, 2020
The Fourth Sunday
of Lent

SACRAMENTS

Masses

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions, 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 even without a congregation. Petitions can still be sent in. The blessing with the Relics of St Jude and of St Thérèse of Lisieux will take place.

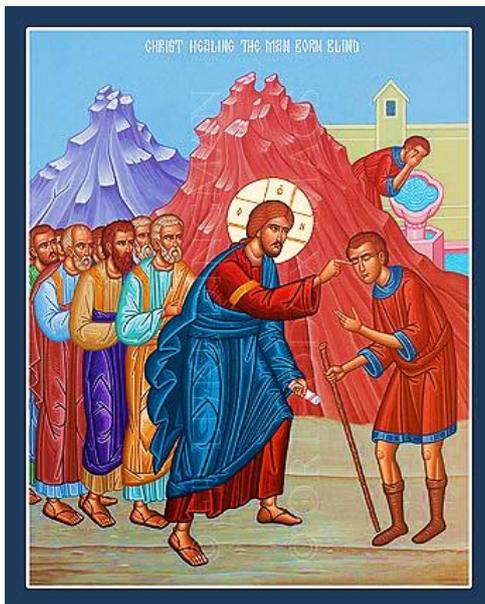
Private Prayer

The church will open each day between 10.30am and 2.30pm. The opening time will change if there is a funeral.

Baptisms & Weddings

Contact the parish office

Join us for liturgy
through our webcam.



Blindness

In our gospel text for the fourth Sunday of Lent, we read of Jesus on a Sabbath day giving sight to a man born blind. The miracle itself receives little print but the reaction of the Pharisees and officials receives a lot of print as St John records that reaction for us. The Pharisees maintained that the man had been born blind because of sins committed either by his parents or by himself. Jesus says that this was not the case. The Pharisees questioned the man and his parents, not to verify the story, but to discredit them and prove that they were all sinners and liars. The man answered back quite strongly and so received a rough time from the Pharisees. This incident began to drive a wedge among some of the Pharisees themselves and also between the Pharisees and the followers of Jesus because some of the Pharisees saw Jesus as a sinner and, therefore, not from God because he broke the Sabbath. Others saw him as being from God precisely because of the miracle he worked.

In many respects, the ones with the greatest blindness in today's gospel were the Pharisees because they could not see who it was who stood before them, who it was they were listening to. The Lord stands before us and speaks to us in a variety of different ways every day, but we need to have the eyes of faith if we are to see that presence and appreciate that presence in our own lives.

The man was asked if he believed in the Son of Man and he replied that he did and he followed this up by worshipping Jesus. Lent is about asking ourselves if we believe in the Son of Man and, if we do, what more can we do to show that to the Lord and to others.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 22: The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday 23: The Fourth Week of Lent
Tuesday 24: The Fourth Week of Lent
Wednesday 25: The Annunciation
Thursday 26: The Fourth Week of Lent
Friday 27: The Fourth Week of Lent
Saturday 28: The Fourth Week of Lent

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Today is celebrated as a solemnity as it recalls the day when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that God had chosen her to play an important role in the plan of salvation – that of bearing the Christ-child. Key for us is Mary's acceptance of this task even though the whole episode must have terrified her.



CHURCH SHOP, MASS OFFICE & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

The shop will open on reduced hours during Covid-19 restrictions. Mass cards can be ordered by telephoning 472 0927 and they will be by post. Other enquiries:
☎ 01 475 8821
Email: shop@whitefriarstrecthurch.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.

St Vincent de Paul and the Sunshine Fund

At this time, the monthly collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul to help families within our parish has been suspended. Those who wish to continue to help can put their donation in an envelope and write the words 'St Vincent de Paul' on it and give it in at the shop, to the sacristan or to one of the Carmelite Community.

The annual St Vincent de Paul Sunshine Fund collection has also been postponed. Those who wish to make a donation can do so on the website www.sunshinefund.ie.

Covid-19

We continue to pray for all of our frontline staff who are under increased pressure at this time, especially those in the medical profession. We pray too for all those who have been infected, that they may have a full and swift recovery. We commend to the Lord those who have died, that he may welcome them into the Kingdom and bring comfort to their families.

Please remember that many older and vulnerable people are more isolated than normal at this time. Please give them a phone call and see how they are doing.

Happy Mother's Day

We wish all the mums who normally come to our church a very happy Mother's Day. We remember all those mothers who have gone to their eternal reward.

Just as the sun shines on all the trees and flowers as if each were the only one on earth, so does God care for all souls in a special manner.

*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
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CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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