



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

February 2, 2020
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:

AM: 10.30-11.30

PM: 3.00-4.00

Saturdays:

AM: 10.30-12.30

PM: 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 Presentation of the Lord in the Temple – Candlemas

February 2 is a feast with a Christmas theme but falls outside the traditional Christmas season. It could be considered the closing of the season of lights so evident during Christmastide. The gospel for this feast proclaims the words of Simeon that the infant Jesus will be a *'light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel'* (Luke 2:32).

The feast was celebrated in Jerusalem as early as the fourth century and became a commemoration of the purification of Mary, in accordance with Jewish law, forty days after Jesus' birth: *'When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord'* (Luke 2:22ff).

By the end of the seventh century, this feast was celebrated in Rome on February 2 with the addition of a candlelight procession which seems to have originated as a substitute for a similar pagan torch procession of atonement around the city walls. The day eventually received the popular title of Candlemas ('Candle Mass') because candles were blessed before Mass.

Certain elements taken from the Gospel account of the Presentation of the Lord, such as the obedience of Joseph and Mary to the Law of the Lord, the poverty of the holy spouses, the virginity of Our Lady, mark February 2 as a special feast for those at the service of the brothers and sisters in the various forms of consecrated life. We pray to God to help people to hear and answer his call and so consecrate themselves to the Lord and to the service of the Gospel.

cf: 'Catholic Customs & Traditions'; 'Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy'

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 2:	Presentation of the Lord
Monday 3:	St Blaise
Tuesday 4:	Ordinary Time – Week 4
Wednesday 5:	St Agatha
Thursday 6:	Sts Paul Miki & Companions
Friday 7:	Ordinary Time – Week 4
Saturday 8:	Ordinary Time – Week 4

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

Very little about Blaise is known with great certainty though it would appear that he had been a physician before becoming a priest. He spent some years in relative solitude before being appointed bishop in Sebaste, in what was the Kingdom of Armenia, but is today the town of Sivas in central Turkey. Throats are blessed because tradition holds that, as he was being led to prison, he saved the life of a boy in whose throat a fishbone had lodged. The blessing of throats today is a reminder to us of the Lord's desire for us to be well and to remove suffering from our lives. He was arrested during the persecution under Emperor Licinius in 316 and martyred by being beaten and eventually beheaded.



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.

St Blaise

After each of the Masses and throughout the day on Monday, February 3, the Blessing of Throats through the intercession of St Blaise will be available.

First Friday

Friday, February 7, is the First Friday of the month and a day when the sick and housebound are traditionally brought the Blessed Sacrament by a priest or Extra-Ordinary Minister. If there are members of the parish who are housebound and unable to attend Mass but who would like to receive the Blessed Sacrament, their name and number can be given in at the parish office and a visit can be arranged for the First Friday of the month.

World Day of the Sick

On Monday, February 11, special Masses for the Sick will take place at 11.30am and 3.00pm. Those who are sick are invited to join us at one of those Masses. The Anointing of the Sick is intended for those who are most definitely sick, for those preparing for surgery in the coming days, or for those in danger of death, but is not intended for those who are healthy or who are suffering from a minor ailment. The sacrament loses its meaning when it is used incorrectly. The celebrant and preacher will be Fr P.J. Breen, O.Carm.

St Valentine

Friday, February 14, is the memorial of St Valentine and a special day in Whitefriar Street Church. There will be special celebrations at 11.30am and 3.00pm. This year's celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Michael Router, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh.

Those who join the Carmelite Order are not lost to their near and dear ones, but have been won for them, because it is our vocation to intercede to God for everyone.

*Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Carmelite Nun, Co-Patroness of Europe
1891 – 1942*

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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