



WHITEFRIAR STREET CHURCH
*The Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
& Shrine of Saint Valentine, Dublin 2*

August 2, 2020
Eighteenth Sunday of
Ordinary Time

SACRAMENTS

Masses

Sundays:

AM: 8.00, 10.30

PM: 12.30, 4.00

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*

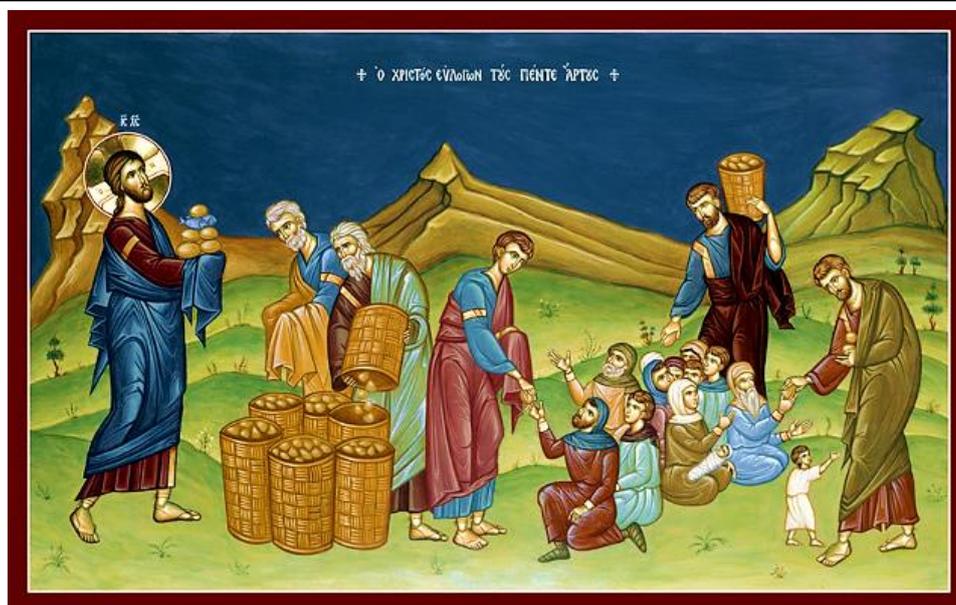
*Friday: Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament –
silent prayer*

*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 or
unable to attend?
Join us for liturgy
through our webcam*



Feeding the multitude

In this weekend's gospel, we see Jesus feeding the multitude with five loaves and two fish. The passage opens with Jesus hearing of the death of John the Baptist and, at this news, he withdraws to a lonely place, presumably to mourn his cousin and herald. But the people followed him and, placing others before himself and out of his compassion for them, he resumed teaching the people and healing their sick.

In the evening, the disciples wanted to send the people away to get food, but the Lord fed them himself from the meagre resources found among the thousands of people. The five loaves and two fish are freely given and shared for the good of all those present. In keeping with Jewish tradition, Jesus took the food, said the blessing, broke the bread and shared it among the multitude – a similar action to the Last Supper. There are strong reminders in this miracle of the feeding of Israel in the desert and of the Last Supper. The twelve baskets of scraps represent the Twelve Tribes of Israel and the Twelve Apostles.

We are told at the end that there were five thousand men, as well as women and children, and so the actual number could be in the tens of thousands, demonstrating the scale of the miracle, but also the incredible number of people who came to hear Jesus at a time when there was no loudspeaker system, and to receive his healing touch. The food the people ate was fleeting, only sustaining them through the evening, but the true bread is Jesus Christ himself which he gave us on Holy Thursday and it is the only nourishment we need in order to reach the Kingdom, but only if we believe in it.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 2:	Ordinary Time – Sunday 18
Monday 3:	Ordinary Time – Week 18
Tuesday 4:	St John Vianney
Wednesday 5:	Ordinary Time – Week 18
Thursday 6:	Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday 7:	St Albert of Trapani, Carmelite
Saturday 8:	St Dominic

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

ST ALBERT OF TRAPANI, CARMELITE PRIEST

Albert was born in Trapani, Sicily, in the 1240s. He joined the Carmelite Order and was ordained priest, becoming Provincial in Sicily in 1296. Due to his piety and holiness many came to hear him preach and to be cured of their illnesses. He took part in missionary journeys. During the Siege of Messina in 1301 the authorities asked Albert and his companions to pray for an end to the siege. The story is told that as Albert finished Mass some ships ran the blockade with food for the people and, soon after, the siege was lifted. He died at Messina in 1306/1307. It is to this Albert that the well in Whitefriar Street Church is dedicated and blessed with his relic.



MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Sunday: 10.00am – 2.00pm
Monday to Friday: 8.30am – 5.00pm.
Tuesday extra: 7.30pm – 8.15pm
Saturday: 9.30am – 5.00pm
Other enquiries: ☎ 01 475 8821
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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.

BANK HOLIDAY

Monday, August 2, is a bank holiday. Therefore, there will only be two Masses in our church that morning: 10.00 and 11.30. The church will open at 9.30am and close at noon. There will be no confessions or devotions that day.

REMAINING VIGILANT

As we grow accustomed to a new way of doing things it is important not to let our guard down and allow Covid-19 to get a foothold once again and bring a tightening of restrictions. Therefore, we must all remember the following when in the church buildings: social distancing throughout the building; using hand sanitising gel regularly; wearing face masks in church, even during Mass; following a one-way-system coming to Holy Communion, and only receiving on the hand; avoid crowding at the end of Mass but leaving the church slowly while keeping a physical distance. People can bring a clean bottle of tap water to church and it can be blessed by a priest, or they can buy a bottle in the Church Shop and we will fill it for them (there is no charge for the holy water).

NUMBERS ABLE TO ATTEND MASS

The current restrictions mean that we cannot accommodate the same numbers at Mass as we used to, even at funerals. There will be times when we will have to close the church gate while Mass is being celebrated. Please be understanding if our sacristans have already closed the gate when you arrive.

As to what good qualities there may be in our souls, or Who dwells within them, or how precious they are – those are things which we seldom consider and so we trouble little about carefully preserving the soul's beauty. All our interest is centred in the rough setting of the diamond, and in the outer wall of the castle – that is to say, in these bodies of ours.

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

PARISH OFFICE

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