



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

May 24, 2020
Sunday of the
Ascension

SACRAMENTS

Private Prayer

Monday to Saturday:
11.00am to 2.30pm.
Sunday:
11.00am to 3.30pm

Masses

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

Names can be enrolled
for Mass and will be
remembered and prayed
for on the day requested.

St Jude Novena

This continues to be
celebrated on Tuesdays at
8.00pm and will be
livestreamed in our
website. Petitions can
still be sent in by post or
email. The blessing with
the Relics of St Jude and
of St Thérèse of Lisieux
will take place.

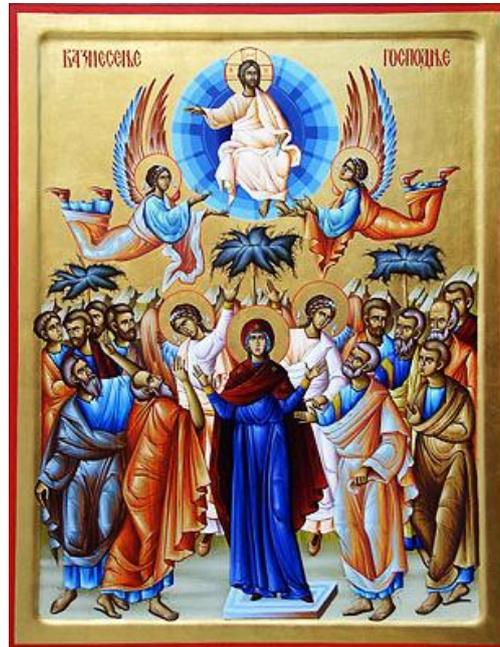
Confessions

Monday to Saturday:
11.00am to 12.30pm

Baptisms & Weddings

Contact the parish office.

Join us for liturgy
through our webcam



The Ascension of the Lord into heaven

At the Ascension, which we celebrate today, Jesus took his leave of the Apostles, as we read in the Acts. What do the Bible and the Liturgy wish to tell us by saying that Jesus *'was lifted up'*? ... In fact the verb *'to lift up'* was originally used in the Old Testament and refers to royal enthronement. Thus, Christ's Ascension means in the first place the enthronement of the Crucified and Risen Son of Man, the manifestation of God's kingship over the world. St Luke wrote that after the Ascension the disciples returned to Jerusalem *'with great joy'* (Acts 24:52). Their joy stems from the fact that what had happened was not really a separation, the Lord's permanent absence: on the contrary, they were then certain that the Crucified-Risen One was alive and that in him God's gates, the gates of eternal life, had been opened to humanity for ever. In other words, his Ascension did not imply a temporary absence from the world but rather inaugurated the new, definitive and insuppressible form of his presence by virtue of his participation in the royal power of God. It was to be up to them, the disciples emboldened by the power of the Holy Spirit, to make his presence visible by their witness, preaching and missionary zeal. The Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension must also fill us with serenity and enthusiasm, just as it did the Apostles who set out again from the Mount of Olives *'with great joy'*. Like them, we too ... must not stay gazing up at the sky, but, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit must go everywhere and proclaim the saving message of Christ's death and Resurrection. His very words, with which the Gospel according to St Matthew ends, accompany and comfort us: *'and know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time'* (Matthew 28:19).

*Pope Benedict XVI
Ascension Sunday, 2009*

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 24: Sunday of the Lord's Ascension
Monday 25: Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi
Tuesday 26: St Philip Neri
Wednesday 27: Seventh Week of Easter
Thursday 28: Seventh Week of Easter
Friday 29: Seventh Week of Easter
Saturday 30: Seventh Week of Easter

A SAINT OR TWO THIS WEEK...

Feast of St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Carmelite
Catarina de' Pazzi was born in 1566 to the famous Tuscan noble family in Florence. She entered the Carmelites there at the age of sixteen, taking the name Mary Magdalene. Throughout her religious life she was devoted to prayer and experienced many visions. She died in 1607.

Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest

Philip was born in 1515 in Florence, in the Tuscany region to the north-east of central Italy, and spent most of his life in Rome. He became known as 'the second apostle of Rome' because of his untiring work for all those in the city, whether they be Pope or servant boy. After his ordination (1551) he founded the Congregation of the Oratory (the Oratorians) and was particularly well known for his ministry in the confessional and for this devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. He died in 1595. Among those who became members of the Oratorians down the centuries was St John Henry Newman who opened the first of their Oratories in the English-speaking world in Birmingham, England, in 1848.

MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

When the Mass Office is closed, Mass cards can be ordered by telephoning 01 472 0927 and they will be sent out by post.

Other enquiries:

☎ 01 475 8821

Email: shop@whitefriarstreetchurch.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.

TAP AND GO CARD MACHINE

As more and more people prefer to use cards or their mobile phone to pay for items and carry less cash, a simple tap and go machine has been installed at the back of the church. Those who prefer to use cards, Apple Pay or Google Pay can use the machine to donate to the church, contribute to the Mass collections, or pay for candles.

CONFESSIONS

While our confession rooms are being renovated, confessions are being heard in the rooms next door. Due to Covid-19, the priest will be in one room and the penitent in the other, but both can speak easily to each other through the modified connecting door.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL URGENT FUNDRAISING APPEAL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) has launched an urgent fundraising appeal as it expects calls for help in the coming weeks to escalate.

Last year the Society helped over 160,000 people and families and had expected that figure to rise by about 10% this year. But now it believes that figure will be well exceeded from new people who find themselves struggling financially as a result of losing their jobs or living on reduced income due to the necessary restrictions to combat the spread of Covid-19.

Donations can be made online at www.svp.ie/donate, by telephone (0818 176 176), or leave an envelope in the church or Mass Office marked 'St Vincent de Paul'.

Too great, O Lord, is Your Love that You have for creatures! No, it is not, in truth, too much for Your greatness, but it is too much for creatures so mean and low. Why, O Lord, do You give so much love to me, who am so unworthy and so low.

*St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi,
Carmelite Nun
1566 – 1609*

PARISH OFFICE

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

☎ 01 475 8821

Email: parish@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie

CARMELITE COMMUNITY CENTRE

☎ 01 475 4673

Email: info@carmelitecommunitycentre.com