



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

May 2, 2021
The Fifth Sunday of
Easter

SACRAMENTS

*Under Government
restrictions*

Private Prayer

Monday to Saturday:

11.00am to 2.30pm.

Sunday:

11.30am to 3.15pm

Masses

*Mass will be available
live through our website:*

Monday to Saturday:

8.00am, 10.00am,

3.00pm

Sunday:

8.00am, 10.30am,

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. The blessing
with the Relics of St Jude
and of St Thérèse of
Lisieux will take place.*

Confessions

Monday to Saturday:

11.00am to 12.00pm

Baptisms & Weddings

*Please contact the parish
office if you have a
baptism or wedding
booked at this time.*

*Join us for liturgy
through our webcam*




In the gospel for this Fifth Sunday of Easter, Jesus told his disciples that he is the true vine and his followers are the branches. Like a good gardener, the Father prunes the vine to make it yield more by cutting away the weak or diseased parts and disposing of them in fire. The good parts, the fruitful parts, are nurtured with care so that they yield much more fruit.

Jesus is still the true vine and we are now its branches and those who believe in Jesus Christ and live life as he asks us to live it will be looked after, whereas those who ignore him will wither and be gathered up for burning as rubbish. Only if we believe in him can we achieve eternal happiness and bear much fruit, thereby giving glory to God.

The fruit of the vine means that we nurture our own faith and live a life of good works founded on the Gospel, but that we also do all we can to nurture the faith in others, in other words we must participate in the mission of the Church to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in whatever way we can.

An important element in this is found in the second reading from St John who says – like Jesus – that we must love one another. However, that love cannot be mere words but must be something alive and active, something which is uplifting and lifegiving. Before we can love others we must love God first and that love for God will be seen in our love for those around us and not just for our family and close friends but for all whom we meet. This is not always easy to do but if we make a genuine effort and allow the Lord to live in us and guide our lives, then he will give growth to our efforts, just as the vine branches receive life and growth from the vine itself.

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday 2:	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Monday 3:	Saints Philip & James
Tuesday 4:	Fifth Week of Easter
Wednesday 5:	St Angelus, Carmelite
Thursday 6:	Fifth Week of Easter
Friday 7:	Fifth Week of Easter
Saturday 8:	Fifth Week of Easter

A SAINT THIS WEEK

SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES

Very little is known about St Philip beyond the few mentions of him in the Gospels and was originally a disciple of John the Baptist. According to tradition, he preached the Gospel at Phrygia and died at Hierapolis, in western modern-day Turkey, where he may have been martyred.

The St James we celebrate today is the son of Alphaeus, also known as James the Less (that is, the Younger). He was the first Bishop of Jerusalem and the author of the epistle in the Bible which bears his name. He was martyred in 62AD either by stoning or by being thrown from the top of the Temple in Jerusalem.

SAINT ANGELUS, CARMELITE PRIEST & MARTYR

Angelus was one of the first Carmelites to leave the Holy Land and settle in Sicily. In 1220 he was killed having repeatedly challenged the incestuous lifestyle of a knight named Berenger. Little else is known about him but his cult spread throughout the Carmelite Order and he is an important saint on the island of Sicily.

MASS OFFICE, CHURCH SHOP & GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Monday to Saturday: 9.30am – 3.00pm

Items can be ordered by phone or through our online shop and they will be sent out by post.

Shop and all other enquiries: ☎ 01 475 8821

Email: shop@whitefriarstrectchurch.ie

Web: <https://shop.whitefriarstrectchurch.com/>

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.

REMAINING VIGILANT

While Covid-19 is a significant threat, we strongly recommend and ask all those visiting our church to adhere to the following:

- **Wear a face mask at all times** while in the building no matter how many others are there.
- Wear a face mask when in the confessional.
- Sanitise your hands when entering the building.
- Keep a safe distance from others when seated and avoid crowding.
- Follow the instructions of our staff in the church and shop.

People may 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).

We continue to pray for a swift return to public worship and the celebration of the Eucharist together.

One way to re-collect the mind easily in the time of prayer, and preserve it more in tranquillity, is not to let it wander too far in other times: you should keep it strictly in the presence of God; and being accustomed to think of Him often, you will find it easy to keep your mind calm in the time of prayer, or at least to recall it from its wanderings.

*Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection,
Carmelite Friar
1614-1691*

Having a clear faith, based on the creed of the Church, is often labelled today as fundamentalism. Whereas, relativism, which is letting oneself be tossed and swept along by every wind of teaching, looks like the only attitude acceptable to today's standards.

J. Card. Ratzinger, 18 April 2005

PARISH OFFICE

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

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