



Whitefriar Street Church

17th March
Feast of St Patrick

Pope's Intention for March

For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Masses

Monday

10.00 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

Tuesday to Saturday:

8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m.,
11.30 a.m. 1.10 p.m. & 3.00 p.m.

Sunday:

6.00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil),
8.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m.
& 4.00 p.m.

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



Neither Perfected nor Defective

St Jude Novena

This continues to be celebrated on Tuesdays at 8.00 p.m. and will be live-streamed on our website. The blessing with the Relics of St Jude and of St Thérèse of Lisieux will take place.

Confessions

Saturday:

No Confessions

Tuesday to Friday:

10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Saturday

10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

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dostępna na prośbę.

Devotions at 2.30 p.m.

Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – silent prayer

Saturday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Rosary & Benediction

Some years ago, I mentored students in a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program. These were highly gifted, extremely motivated people, and it wasn't hard to see where they could be in ten years if they stuck with it. On the other hand, they were virtually blind when it came to imagining their future selves. They already knew who they were, thank you very much. Some saw themselves as much better writers than they could possibly have been at that point in the journey. Others were convinced that, no matter how hard they tried, they were doomed to failure. My primary job as a mentor was to help them topple these false self-images, which were blocking their way forward.

But this toppling process was painful - a kind of death. Whether they suffered from bravado or from an inferiority complex, they'd become dependent on this self-made identity. The thought of letting go caused both grief and fear. Yet as Jesus points out in these mysterious lines from John, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat." What has to crumble before we can be born anew is the image we've created of ourselves. Great adventures lie ahead, but we can only taste and see what God has prepared for us if we're able to accept ourselves as we actually are: neither perfected nor defective, but instead, overflowing with potential.

Like grains, which - though tiny - contain universes.

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Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, (Whitefriar Street Church)

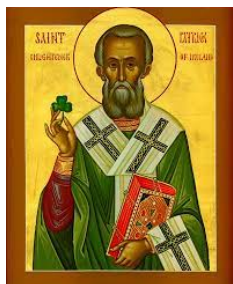
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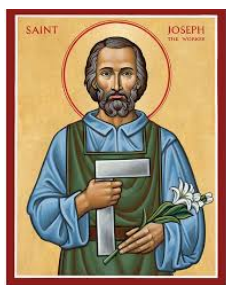
THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday, 17th March:	St Patrick, <i>Solemnity</i>
Monday, 18th March:	Fifth Week of Lent
Tuesday, 19th March:	St Joseph, <i>Solemnity</i>
Wednesday, 20th March:	Fifth Week of Lent
Thursday, 21st March:	Fifth Week of Lent
Friday, 22nd March:	Fifth Week of Lent
Saturday, 23rd March:	Fifth Week of Lent



St Patrick, Principal Patron of Ireland: Patrick was born between 385 and 389 on the west coast of Roman Britain before he was taken as a slave to Ireland, where he remained there for six years. At the end of that period he escaped back to Britain but could hear the call of the Irish people for him to return to them, and so he studied and became a priest, before being consecrated bishop in France and returning to Ireland about the year 432AD. He is said

to have died at Saul in north-eastern Ireland about the year 461. Today's celebration is a call to return to and to return to the Lord that faith to which Patrick devoted his life.



St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Protector of the Child Jesus: Little is known about Joseph except that he was of the line of David which was essential in order for Jesus to be legally of the line and House of David in fulfilment of the Scriptures. What is more important for us is the example which Joseph left us. He was a man of faith who played his role in God's salvific plan for us; he was obedient to the will of God; he had a love for the Law and its fulfilment; he showed piety and

fortitude in times of trial; he had a chaste love for the Blessed Virgin Mary; and he exercised his paternal authority with due care. Joseph could very easily have walked away from Mary and her child but, being a man of faith, he heeded the message of the angel and took Mary as his wife despite the gossiping and judgement that must have come with it. He is, therefore, a true example of Christian living and is the Protector of the Church. Joseph is also the patron of carpenters and manual workers.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN APPEAL

Trócaire boxes are still available in the church for those who wish to contribute to the Lenten Appeal. Between now and the end of Lent, boxes and donations can be left in to the Mass Office & Church Shop and we will forward them to Trócaire.

Garden of Carmel

Preserve a loving attentiveness to God with no desire to feel or understand any particular thing concerning God.

Love is the inclination, strength, and power for the soul in making its way to God, for love unites it with God. The more degrees of love it has, the more deeply it enters into God and centres itself in him.

Saint John of the Cross



Baptisms & Weddings

Please contact the Parish Office if you have a Baptism or Wedding booked at this time.



Mass Office, Church Shop & General Enquiries

Monday

Closed - Public Holiday

Tuesday to Saturday:

8.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Sunday

10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

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@whitefriarstreetchurch.ie

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



Parish Office

For certificates of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or to book a Baptism or a Wedding. Tel: 01 475 8821 Email:

parish@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 ringing 01 855 0022.



Carmelite Third Order/Lay Carmel

meet 2.00 p.m. on the Third Saturday of every month.



Spotkania szkaplerzne w j. polskim w każdą 3 sobotę

miesiąca o godz. 16.00.

Rozpoczęcie spotkań 16 września.

Eucharystia, nabożeństwo i

konferencja. Zapraszamy Karmelici.



REMAINING VIGILANT

Please continue to be safe and protect each other.



Carmelite Community Centre

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED HELP**