

23 February 2020

Served by the Carmelite Friars

Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Faversham with Teynham

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We extend a warm welcome to visitors and new parishioners

DIARY DATES

26 Feb	Ash Wednesday: Lent begins Masses with ashes at 9.30 am & 7 pm
29 Feb	9.00 am Hope Prayer - Ospringe
1 March	First Sunday of Lent 10.30 am Mass: Children's Mass 3.00 pm <i>Common Ground</i> - Teynham
3 March	7.00 pm Sharing Scripture - Church
31 May	Pentecost Faversham United Event
10 July	7.30 pm Parish AGM
19 July	Parish Day

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The normal times when the Parish Office is staffed by Linda Durkin, our Parish Secretary, are Tuesdays 8.30 –12.00, Wednesdays-Fridays 8.30 - 13.00

Parish Email: faversham@rcaos.org.uk

Mass Intentions for the week

Sat	22	6.00 pm	Marese Skehan, RIP
Sun	23	9.00 am	Parish
		10.30 am	James Daley, RIP
Mon	24	9.30 am	Rake Clan, RIP
Tue	25	9.30 am	Mothers' Prayer/St John Bosco
Wed	26	9.30 am	Matthew P.N.S.
Thurs	27	9.30 am	St Jude Guild Mass
Fri	28	9.30 am	Gloria Robinson, RIP
Sat	29	9.30 am	Marie Rooney - wellbeing

USUAL WEEKLY LITURGY

Please note any changes in Diary Dates above

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday:	9.00 am (Teynham) 10.30 am
Weekday Mass:	9.30 am (check Diary Dates)
Holy Days:	9.30 am & 7.00 pm
Confession:	At call
Morning Prayer:	Monday - Saturday 9.10 am

Sharing Scripture and Prayer

With the beginning of Lent on Wednesday and the emphasis this year on the God who speaks throughout Catholic parishes in this country, we are pleased to announce that on **Mondays (7.00-7.45 pm)** during Lent there will be an opportunity to gather to read short passages from the Scriptures and share together our reflection and prayer. Please join us in the church for this opportunity.

SVP Fundraising Event

The SVP Gift and Cake stall will be held **this Sunday** after 10.30 Mass in the Carmel Hall. The SVP thanks you for your generous support in last weekend's collection and for your ongoing support for its work in our parish.

Those who have died recently

In your kindness when you pray, please remember **Clara Roberts** who died on 1st February and "**Vera**" (**Sarah Robinson**) who died on 2nd February. We thank God for our Christian faith in the Resurrection of Jesus. We offer our prayerful support to the families of Clara and Vera. May they rest in peace and rise in glory and may those who mourn have all the support they need at this time.

Funerals

The Funeral for **Vera Robinson** will be at 3.20 pm on Thursday, **27th February** at Barham Crematorium. The Funeral for **Clara Roberts** will be at 11.00 am in our church on Tuesday, **10th March**.

Second Collection: Poor Parishes

This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to parishes in the diocese that struggle to meet their ordinary financial commitments. Our support is a sign of solidarity and unity with all the parishes in our diocese.

Need the SVP? Tel. 07563 702033

2nd Collection: Poor Parishes

Weekly Collections

16 February 2020 : £602.36
SVP : £275.09

GIFT AID We invite all tax-paying parishioners who have not done so already to consider joining the scheme. Please contact Linda at Whitefriars.

Please remember the Parish in your will.

Thank you all for your support

Children's Mass

Our next Children's Mass will be next Sunday, **1st March** at 10.30 am. We look forward to celebrating the vitality and vibrancy of our younger parishioners. Please contact Linda in the Parish Office if you wish to help.

Parish Focus on the Word of God

We hope we can find ways during 2020 to give renewed focus in our parish on the Word of God. If you have ideas and are willing to help to create opportunities please contact Fr. Brendan or Linda in the Parish Office. We draw your attention to the Day on The Word with Archbishop John Wilson beginning at 12 noon on Saturday, **27th June** at Aylesford. Please see the poster on the noticeboard.

Scripture Series

We are also preparing a series of short presentations and reflections (11 am - 1 pm) with different speakers here in the parish, hopefully beginning on Saturday, 4th April. Some thought is also being given to having a Deanery Day reflecting together on this Year of The Word later in the year.

Sacrament of Confirmation

If we have enough eligible children we will set dates for a Confirmation Programme and for the actual Confirmation itself.

We invite young people who will be aged 13 years or over by 31st May 2020 to register their interest by the end of this coming week **28th February** 2020. Please collect a provisional application form from Whitefriars and return it by that date.

Carmelite Province Chapter

During the first part of its Province Chapter, Carmelite friars from around the country gathered at Aylesford to reflect on the spiritual thirsts and needs of contemporary society and how best, rooted in its calling by God, the Carmelite presence in this country might make a modest but effective response. Various focused themes emerged, and the friars will reflect on these in preparation for the second part of its Chapter after Easter.



PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick and housebound members of our parish: Audrey Bampton, Angela Band, Shelagh Bradley, Margaret Bridgen, Millie Castelino, Wendy Coley, Bob Costa, Baby Olivia Durkin and her mum Beth Durkin, Michael Earls, Carol Gostling, Jeanne Harvey, Jackie Hitchcock, James Kilcoyne, Ruth Mackay, Barnaby Marchant, Mike Moran, Gail O'Connor, Joan O'Sullivan, Julian Philips and Sadie Taylor. **Please also remember** in your prayers all those who have died recently, especially Clara Roberts and Sarah Robinson and those whose anniversaries are about this time including: Mary Parker, Norah Whiting, Elizabeth Lloyd, John Crump, Martin Bellis, Cheryl Tabrett, Catherine Ardizzone, Fr Alphonse Brennan, Mary Casey, Adam Smith, Ann Bollons, Thyra Coulson, Elizabeth Clackett, Monica Scarlett, Catherine Blade, May Leach, Eleanor Dane, Liz Neame. **May they rest in peace.**

During the first part of their Chapter, the friars re-elected Fr. Kevin Alban, O.Carm. as their Prior Provincial for the next three years. He will be assisted in his ministry by his council who will be Fr. Brendan Grady, Fr. Michael Cox, Fr. Kevin Melody and Fr. Patrick O'Keefe.

As a parish with a strong Carmelite tradition and with a friar community, please pray that the Holy Spirit will be given freedom to inspire, stir and energise.

Adult First Communion & Confirmation

We have been approached by some adult members of our parish who have not yet been confirmed or received First Holy Communion. We are eager to gather any parishioners (16+) for whom this may be the case and who wish to explore either or both of these sacraments. If you have been baptised but have not yet been confirmed or received Holy Communion, please register your interest by contacting Fr. Brendan or Linda to by **28th February**.

Lent Lunches

Join us on **Fridays** during Lent for our Churches Together annual Lent Lunches at the Baptist Church Hall from 12.00 until 2.00 pm.

On **6th March** it is our Parish's responsibility to organise the lunch. Thank you to parishioners who have kindly volunteered to coordinate, prepare and serve the lunch. We invite donations of cheese and butter and money to purchase bread, tea, coffee, sugar and milk. Please leave donations at Whitefriars clearly marked 'Lent Lunches' by **4th March**.

Poetry Thanks

Thank you to all who prepared and supported our successful Parish Appeal fundraising Poetry and Music Valentine's evening last Saturday. Despite Storm Dennis, hearty spirits were lovingly warmed by an evening led by Geraldine Paine and friends. We offer our sincere thanks to Geraldine, her team and the choir for enabling and facilitating this beautiful experience.

Ongoing works

We thank parishioners and friends for their ongoing support with our Restoration and Repair Appeal. When the weather improves, more works will continue on the outside of the buildings. Watch this space!

We need more ideas for fundraisers!

Please gather and organise ideas and contact:
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Our Parish is served by a Community of Carmelite Friars