

**16/17 APRIL  
2022**

**PARISH OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
FAVERSHAM WITH TEYNHAM**

**WHITEFRIARS, 35 TANNERS STREET, FAVERSHAM ME13 7JW**

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY DAY FROM 8AM – 5PM VIA THE SHRINE OF ST JUDE, ACCESSED FROM THE CAR PARK BEHIND THE CHURCH

**EASTER SUNDAY YEAR C**

**PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

Morning prayer of the Church 9.40am Monday - Saturday

<b>Holy Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Special intention - The Easter Vigil</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	11.00am	<b>Special intention</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	<b>Matthews Family intentions</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	<b>Jeremy Ellis RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	<b>Easter Remembrance</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10.00am	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.00am	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.00am	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	<b>Special Intention</b>
	11.00am	<b>People of the Parish</b>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Ralph George; Nell Goodwin; Dianna Bowles, Ann Rake, Sammy, Gloria Barnes, Shelagh Bradley, Margaret Bridgen, Bill and Millie Castelino, Wendy Coley, Bob Costa, Ted Davis, Ian Davison, Michael Earls, Lucas Harmsworth, Gladys Hatch, David Jones, Janet MacKay, Barnaby Marchant, Terry Newbery, Gail O'Connor, Joan O'Sullivan, Julian Philips, Lola Rinvoluceri, Mario Rinvoluceri, Ginny and Richard Woodroofe and Paul Williams.

**AND OTHERS FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY** including Martin (mental health), Zac Dempsey.

**PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**, including Jeanne Harvey, Robin Harris, Jeremy Ellis, Br Laurence Frost, O.Carm., Phyllis Tutin-Pease, Doug MacKay, **as well as those whose anniversaries are around this time, including** Elaine Miller, Dora Donovan, Peter Harris, John Grant, Douglas Loadman, Alfred Tweed, Donald McDonald, Matthew Lewis, Peggy Holdern and Ethan Noden. **May they and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace and rise in glory.**

This week's scripture readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/20220417/mass.htm>

*It is very inspiring to meet people wounded in their love and their life, whom we expect to be disgruntled and discouraged, yet who keep believing in love and the goodness of God and of the people around them. Today we meet in the Eucharist him who keeps our faith and hope alive in God's goodness and loving concern: it is Jesus, our Lord risen from the dead. He went through suffering and death for us, and when all looked lost, all seemed in vain, he kept trusting in the Father and he rose from the dead. By the power of Jesus we too can rise to new life, to a feast of joy within us. We believe in the Risen Lord and in the resurrection he has brought us.*

**THANK YOU.** *As we reach the Easter Vigil celebration, the high point in our Church calendar, we are very grateful to all who have done so much to enhance our liturgies – both over the Triduum and indeed throughout the whole year. Readers, musicians, flower arrangers, church cleaning teams and so many others who work tirelessly and generously in the background to ensure that everything is as good as it can be. We have had very prayerful liturgies so far and Paul, Richard, Bailey and I are all very thankful to minister in a parish which shows such great commitment to our Church and wider community. Kevin*

**UKRAINIAN REFUGEES** *Yesterday, Good Friday, a couple in our parish welcomed two Ukrainian refugees into their home in a very generous act of charity. If you are aware of any other Ukrainians in the area, please let us know so that they can be put in touch with one another for support and friendship. Many thanks.*

***An empty tomb, lives changed for ever, enduring presence. (John 20:1-9)***

*When someone dies, one of the things we often feel is their absence. The rooms where they lived with us, the places where they sat are now empty and our hearts ache.*

*It's not hard for us to share Mary's sense of emptiness and bewilderment when she arrives at the tomb. This is an Easter like we have never had before. Without our usual celebrations with family and friends it can feel very empty indeed.*

*If we were to read the next few verses from John's Gospel, we would read a story of overwhelming joy as Mary Magdalen meets the risen Jesus. When Jesus speaks her name, Mary recognises him and sadness and emptiness give way to joyful reunion.*

*It's a story of transformation - how things can change when we meet the risen Jesus.*

*In a way, we are all caught in tombs which hold loved ones, our experiences of hurt and harm, our fears and anxieties, especially now.*

*What we seem to need above all at this time is presence. Yet, this is the time when we experience absence most of all - being apart from loved ones, family and friends.*

*The practice of the presence of God can help us - just frequently reminding ourselves that we always in the presence of God, that we can talk to God as one friend to another, that God is in this moment with us, that God is on our side no matter what comes our way, that God is our constant companion.*

*Eventually, we will begin to feel more deeply God's presence, not just beside us, but within us.*

*Eventually, the fears and anxieties, the past hurts, and disrupted relationships begin to melt away. Where once there was only absence, now there is calm, loving, healing Presence and we know we are not alone. Our tombs begin to empty and joy becomes possible again.*

*Resurrection is all about death giving way to life, the impossible becoming possible, absence becoming presence.*

*May all your tombs be empty!*

*From the Carmelites, Australia*

**OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY A COMMUNITY OF CARMELITE FRIARS**

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