

**17/18 SEPTEMBER  
2022**

**PARISH OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
FAVERSHAM AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES**

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

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY DAY FROM 8AM – 7PM VIA THE SHRINE OF ST JUDE, ACCESSED FROM THE CAR PARK BEHIND THE CHURCH



**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY YEAR C**



**PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

**Morning Prayer 9.40am Monday – Saturday**

**Evening Prayer 6.00pm Monday - Friday**

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Corcoran Family</b>
	<b>6.00PM</b>	<b>Adrian Gostling RIP</b>
<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY YEAR C Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>Sharon, Dean &amp; family</b>
	<b>10.30AM</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Josephine Briffa RIP</b>
<b>KOREAN MARTYRS Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Maureen Wood (birthday thanksgiving)</b>
<b>ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Ronan Donohoe RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Padraig Gallagher</b>
<b>ST PADRE PIO Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Robert Farren RIP</b>
<b>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Donohoe Family</b>
	<b>6.00PM</b>	<b>Arnold Vaz RIP</b>
<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY YEAR C Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>10.30AM</b>	<b>John Cranswick RIP</b>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Molly Barret, Olivia Durkin, Richard Murray, Janet Daly, Louise Marshallsay, Peter Greene, Patrick Mongan, Maureen Watters, Jerry McDonagh, Brigid Rowe, Martin Hayes, Betty Bushell, Ralph George, Nell Goodwin, Ann Rake, Sammy, Shelagh Bradley, Margaret Bridgen, Bill and Millie Castelino, Wendy Coley, Bob Costa, Ted Davis, Ian Davison, Michael Earls, Lucas Harmsworth, Gladys Hatch, Barnaby Marchant, Terry Newbery, Gail O'Connor, Joan O'Sullivan, Julian Philips, Lola Rinvoluceri, Mario Rinvoluceri, Ginny & Richard Woodroffe and Paul Williams. **AND OTHERS FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY** including Martin (mental health), Zac Dempsey; Ruby & Chris; McCarthy & Donovan family; Dean Draper & family

**PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY,** including Chinh Tran, Valerie Morris, Jenny Martin, Roz Harnett, Damien Murphy, Fr Malachy Steenson CP (Herne Bay), Christopher Oldfield, Sylvia Davis, Nancy Dalgarno & Niall Quinn **as well as those whose anniversaries are around this time, including** Fr Wilfrid McGreal, O.Carm., Helen Wilkinson, Victor Nagendra, Cynthia Hughes, Eileen Thomas, Denis Nugent, Henry Reynolds, Kathleen Bamford, Enzo Riva, Michael Hill and Pino Riva.

**May they and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God  
rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.**

This week's scripture readings can be found at

<https://universalis.com/europe.english.southwark/20220918/mass.htm>

Sign-up for the parish news email: [www.whitefriarsfaversham.org](http://www.whitefriarsfaversham.org)

**Harvest Festival Weekend – collection for Foodbank and Women's Refuge next weekend.**

**Thank you.**

**QUEEN ELIZABETH II REQUIESCAT IN PACE** There are special prayer cards at the back of the church to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II; please feel free to take one if you wish.

**FOODBANK / WOMEN'S REFUGE** As many of you will know, the parish has supported both the local foodbank, based in the Gospel Mission, and the Sittingbourne Women's Refuge with donations of food and toiletries over the years. Like many other good initiatives, this stopped during the pandemic. We feel that the time is now right to begin this again and we will make an initial appeal for support at the end of September when the Church celebrates Harvest thanksgiving. Please keep this in mind when you do your weekly shopping and if you can add a little extra (non-perishable food, women's toiletries) they will be gratefully accepted. Keep an eye to our newsletter for more details as the time comes closer.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** We will begin a series of discussion evenings for teenagers / young adults who would like to find out more about the Catholic Church and its teachings, perhaps leading to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are interested, please send an email to the parish office at [faversham@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:faversham@rcaos.org.uk)

**FIRST COMMUNION** We will begin a new programme of First Holy Communion preparation in the autumn, subject to numbers. If you are interested, please let us know. The programme is aimed at children in year 4 of primary school or above. Thank you.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: INVESTING IN THE FUTURE (LUKE 16:1-13)**

When bad things happen to us, we are apt to spend a great deal of time being angry at what has taken place – especially if we feel that what has happened is unjust, unfair or unreasonable.

Today's Gospel episode is often called the 'Parable of the Unjust Steward'. But perhaps he is the one who is being treated unjustly. After all, the Master hears a rumour that the steward has been 'wasteful with his property'.

Without conducting an investigation to find out if the rumour is true, the Master decides to dismiss the steward.

The steward spends only a little time trying to decide what he will do once he loses his job. Knowing he is too weak to dig and too ashamed to beg, he sets about altering the contracts of sale for his masters' debtors.

Is the steward stealing from the Master? No. In the ancient world such stewards were not directly paid by the master. Their 'wage' came from the commissions they added to bills of sale. So the steward is giving up his commission for the sake of his long-term future; to build goodwill among the debtors that they might return the favour in the steward's coming hour of need.

For astutely investing in his future the steward is praised by the Master. Jesus uses this allusion to advise the disciples that they, too, should invest in their future through the sharing of all that they have.

The term mammon refers not only to money, but to all that a person has. The disciples, says Jesus, should be prepared to give away all that they have to the poor so that when the kingdom comes, in which the poor have the privileged places, the disciples will be welcomed into the 'tents of eternity'.

The final sayings of this Gospel presuppose that Christian life is a stewardship in which the wealth that one handles is wealth God wishes the whole world to share, not one's personal possession. Disciples must choose wisely and act decisively. When it comes to wealth, they must choose between the interests of God and their own self-interest.

If disciples do not share possessions, they will not be entrusted with the true riches of the kingdom. If they do share possessions, which are on loan from God, they will be given the treasure of heaven as their own. The disciples must give exclusive loyalty to God or succumb to the enslavement of mammon.

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

**KEVIN MELODY, PARISH PRIEST; PAUL DE GROOT, SHRINE CHAPLAIN; RICHARD COPSEY, PROVINCE HISTORIAN**

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