

**24<sup>TH</sup>/25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
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 – 6.30PM VIA THE SHRINE OF ST JUDE, ACCESSED FROM THE CAR PARK BEHIND THE CHURCH**

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – YEAR A**



**PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

**Morning Prayer 9.40am Monday – Saturday**

**No evening prayer in church this week**



<b>SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Special intention</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>4.00PM</b>	<b>NATIVITY SERVICE</b>
	<b>7.30PM</b>	<b>CAROLS</b>
	<b>8.00PM</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS MASS People of the Parish</b>
<b>SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>Stephan Toolan</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>10.30AM</b>	<b>Carmelite Intentions</b>
<b>ST STEPHEN MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Anthony Menezes RIP</b>
<b>ST JOHN TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Michael Douglas Shinn</b>
<b>HOLY INNOCENTS WED 28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Sheila Rowe RIP</b>
<b>THOMAS BECKETT THURS 29<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Marie Griffin RIP</b>
<b>HOLY FAMILY FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Ann Whitehead RIP</b>
<b>SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Aida Berens RIP</b>
<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>	<b>6.00PM</b>	<b>Francisco Casino IRP</b>
<b>SUNDAY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>	<b>10.30AM</b>	<b>Ginny Woodroffe - health</b>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Tom Turner, Sarah Dean, Annette Wiggins, 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 Callum, 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 Kenny Wilson, Síne Cameron-Mowat, Joy Harris, Fr Tom Herbst, Pat Dorkings **as well as those whose anniversaries are around this time, including** Margaret Felton, Helena Chapman, Bridie Moynihan, Charlotte Ardizzone, Denis Sayers, John Gilhooly, Margaret Hogben, Elizabeth Deboos, Jim Curtin, Ivy Coles, Mary Hunt, George Jackson, Ellen Stringer, Jolyon Beerstecher, Joyce Preston, Stanley Foot, Tony Sbarra, William O'Connor and Connie McGovern.

**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.England.southwark/20221225/mass.htm>

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**WELCOME** to all who are with us this Christmas day, and particularly to any visitors who have joined us for our Christmas Masses. I hope that you find it an uplifting experience and find Christ present in our little community.

**THANK YOU** to those who have done so much to decorate our church and made it so beautiful. After the downbeat but expectant nature of Advent, it is a beautiful combination of flowers and light to truly welcome Emmanuel, God-with-us. And a special thanks to our wonderful group of talented musicians who have been preparing so hard to ensure that the carols, music and hymns are so beautiful.

**A UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS IN FAVERSHAM** Next month the Orthodox Church celebrates Christmas on January 6th and there will be a celebration held for the 43 Ukrainian families here in Faversham. If you would like to offer drinks, children's toys, gifts for the mothers or anything else, they will be gratefully received - please drop anything suitable off at Whitefriars when you can. Thank you.

**EVENING PRAYER** There will be no Evening Prayer in Church this week. We will resume on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

**OLIVIA DURKIN** Many of you have been praying for my granddaughter Olivia (aged 4) who had an open-heart operation a few weeks ago in Bristol Children's Hospital. I am writing to let you all know that Olivia came through the operation extremely well and is improving in health every day. My son asked me to send his grateful thanks to you all for your support and prayers. Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. Love and prayers Linda x

### When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled

When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled  
When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

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

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