

**1ST JANUARY
2023**

**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 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer 9.40am Monday – Saturday

Evening Prayer 6.00pm Monday – Friday



SATURDAY 31ST	10.00AM	Aida Berens RIP
NEW YEAR'S EVE	6.00PM	Francisco Casino RIP
SUNDAY JANUARY 1ST	9.00AM	People of the Parish
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	10.30AM	Ginny Woodroffe - health
MONDAY 2ND	10.00AM	Richard Woodroffe – health
TUESDAY 3RD	10.00AM	Peggy Keaveney RIP
WEDNESDAY 4TH	10.00AM	Thanksgiving (St Mary Magdalena & St Jude)
THURSDAY 5TH	10.00AM	Judith Toolan (special intentions)
FRIDAY 6TH	10.00AM	Thanksgiving (OLMC & Infant of Prague)
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	7.00PM	People of the Parish
SATURDAY 7TH	10.00AM	Margaret & Michael Spencer-Wright
	6.00PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY JANUARY 8TH	9.00AM	Joe Wright RIP
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	10.30AM	James Devis RIP

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** Joseph Kelly, O.Carm., Tony Sbarra, William O'Connor, Connie McGovern, Mrs Harvey, Louisa Merrells, William Ellis, Kazimierz Langtiert and Grace Grant.

**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/20230101/mass.htm>

Sign-up for the parish news email: www.whitefriarsfaversham.org

KENNY WILSON RIP Please keep in your prayers Kenny Wilson who died recently. Kenny and his mother Mary were regular worshippers here in the 1990s before Kenny moved to Yorkshire. His funeral service will take place on Wednesday 4th at 11.30am in Charing Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

THANK YOU for so many kind gifts given to the Carmelite Community at Christmas time. We appreciate your kindness very much and please be assured of our prayers as we enter into a new year.

THE EPIPHANY will be celebrated on Friday next, 6th January. It is a holy day of obligation and we will celebrate Mass at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

EVENING PRAYER resumes in church on Monday 2nd January and is celebrated each Monday to Friday at 6.00pm for about 25 minutes.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS – Marshalls are needed for the Good Friday (and names need to be submitted this week) so if you can be available for a few hours on the morning of Good Friday, please speak to Kevin or send an email / make a call before Monday evening. Thank you.

PARISH FIRST COMMUNION preparation resumes on Sunday next, 8th January in Carmel Hall. Please keep the children and catechists and families in your prayers.

ADVENT PRAYER Thank you to all who led us in our weekly advent prayer. Lent is fast approaching (Ash Wednesday will be on February 22nd) and anyone who might like to lead a 45 minute or so prayer session would be very welcome.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT, BASED ON PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

(I was sent this in the week and thought that although many Christmas celebrations may have ended, it is a good attitude to take into the New Year.)

If I decorate my house perfectly with beautiful bows, lots of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing wonderful meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime: but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at a soup kitchen, sing carols in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity; but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the tree with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend all the holiday parties and sing in the choirs but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child; love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

Love is kind, though worried and tired. Love does not envy another's home that has beautiful Christmas china and table linens. Love does not yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love does not give only to those who are able to give in return; but rejoices in giving to those who cannot. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Love never fails. Computer games will break, gold necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust; but giving the gift of love will endure.

Author: Sharon Jaynes - Taken from Celebrating a Christ Centred Christmas

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY A COMMUNITY OF CARMELITE FRIARS

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