

7TH / 8TH 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD



PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer 9.40am Monday – Saturday

Evening Prayer 6.00pm Monday – Friday



SATURDAY 7 TH	10.00AM	Margaret & Michael Spencer-Wright
	6.00PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY JANUARY 8TH	9.00AM	Joe Wright RIP
<i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	10.30AM	James Devis RIP
MONDAY 9 TH	10.00AM	Murphy family intentions
TUESDAY 10 TH	10.00AM	Bill Castelino (104 th birthday)
WEDNESDAY 11 TH	10.00AM	Holy Souls – Gomes family
THURSDAY 12 TH	10.00AM	Shelagh Bradley (birthday)
FRIDAY 13 TH	10.00AM	Fiona & Niamh Donohoe (intentions)
SATURDAY 14 TH	10.00AM	Jo Donohoe RIP (anniversary)
	6.00PM	Ellen Farren (private intentions)
SUNDAY JANUARY 15TH	9.00AM	Pat Farren RIP
<i>PEACE SUNDAY</i>	10.30AM	People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Peter & Jessie Duckworth, 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 Pope Benedict, Josie Parks, Kenny Wilson, Síne Cameron-Mowat, **as well as those whose anniversaries are around this time, including** Joseph Kelly, O.Carm., James Hanrahan, Melia Stankovich, Eamonn Pierce, Thomas McGreal, Joan Harris, Hermine Henniker-Heaton, Gloria Mackrill, Annie Lush, Pat Ward, Tom Rycott and Alexandra Oldfield.

**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/20230108/mass.htm>

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

AN INVITATION TO LUNCH The SVP would like to invite you to a light lunch on Tuesday 17th January 2023 in Carmel Hall, after the special Mass at 12 noon for older parishioners and for parishioners with health or mobility issues. If you would like transport to take you to Mass and to get you home after the lunch, the SVP will be only too happy to arrange this for you. For further details or to request transport, please phone the SVP number on 075630702033

PEACE SUNDAY is next Sunday, the second Sunday of the year. We will take up a second collection for the work of Pax Christi UK www.paxchristi.org.uk

PARISH FIRST COMMUNION preparation resumes this 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.

POPE BENEDICT RIP On Thursday we say the funeral Mass for Pope Benedict. Much has been said about his ministry as Pope. One element of his papacy that I found helpful was his writings on Jesus and our need to have a personal relationship with Christ in order to live the Christian life into which we are baptised. His books on Jesus of Nazareth, whilst very academic at times, give us an understanding of Benedict's theology. At the same time, we cannot underestimate the hurt caused by attempts to silence what was termed "error" and the unwillingness to enter into dialogue with differing viewpoints. This is where I think Pope Francis has, in his own subtle - and sometimes not so subtle - way differed greatly and began a process of healing within the Church. As with Jesus, we need to dialogue with those who have differing viewpoints, rather than dismiss, ignore or belittle them. Leadership requires the ability to learn from others. Let us pray for a Church that follows Francis in his openness to "the other," whoever that may be.

KATE SWINFIELD Please keep in your prayers Kate Swinfield who began her visit to Timor Leste on Wednesday last. Kate will spend some months with the Carmelite Community there, teaching English and sharing in their daily life. As a parish and a Carmelite Community, we are grateful to Kate for the witness she shows in her dedication to serving the Gospel.



WE WISH BILL CASTELINO a happy 104th birthday and Bill and Millie a happy 66th wedding anniversary. Like so many of our senior parishioners, both endured hospital visits in 2022 and Millie is still on a long journey of recovery. Let us keep all the sick, elderly and frail in our prayers as well as all our doctors, nurses, paramedics and health key workers this winter.

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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