

**21<sup>ST</sup> / 22<sup>ND</sup> 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**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR A**



**PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

**Morning Prayer 9.40am Monday – Saturday**

**Evening Prayer 6.00pm Monday – Friday**



<b>SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Danielle Lai RIP</b>
	<b>6.00PM</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>SUNDAY JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>Dorothy &amp; O'Donoghue family</b>
<b>THIRD SUNDAY YEAR A</b>	<b>10.30AM</b>	<b>McCarthy &amp; Power family</b>
<b>MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Mary &amp; family</b>
<b>TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Ashley &amp; family</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Trevor &amp; family</b>
<b>THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Michael &amp; family</b>
<b>FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Gilda &amp; family</b>
<b>SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Special intention</b>
	<b>6.00PM</b>	<b>Bridget Murphy RIP</b>
<b>SUNDAY JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>Nora Keegan RIP</b>
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY YEAR A</b>	<b>10.30AM</b>	<b>People of the parish</b>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Ray Dalgarno, Librada Silva, 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 David Dwane, Emmanuel Benedict (brother of Helen Ligouri), Josie Parks, and Kenny Wilson **as well as those whose anniversaries are around this time**, including Frank Crossan, O.Carm., Alice Annette Tranah, Antony Freed, Margaret Lambe, Linda Richards, Bill Jackson, Peter Freed, Eamon Pierce, Peter Day, Tom White and Lyndon Hogben.

**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/20230122/mass.htm>

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**THANK YOU TO THE SVP** for the wonderful lunch provided after our 12noon Mass on Tuesday last. It was good to celebrate the sacrament of the sick as a community and a date has been set for the next one: Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February. It's pancake Tuesday, and although we can't guarantee any pancakes, we can assure you of a good lunch. 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

**LENT PRAYER** Ash Wednesday will be on 22nd February this year. As we did last year, we will celebrate the season of Lent with a weekly prayer session on Tuesday evenings in the church. Each one will be on a different theme, starting on Tuesday 28th February at 7.00pm. Thus far we will have a time dedicated to music, the Word of God, Silence and The Stations of the Cross. A full programme will be published soon but for now we would ask you to put the dates in your diary..

**CHILDREN'S MASS** Starting in March, we hope to celebrate regular Sunday Masses at 10.30am when the liturgy is led by children i.e. through readings, music and prayer. If you have a child who would like to be involved, please drop me an email or have a word with the choir after Mass one Sunday. We are blessed to have a large group of children taking part in the children's liturgy and an older group sharing their musical talents in the choir and would like to build on this. The first celebration will be on Mothers' Day, March 19th, and we will have a preparation on a Saturday in advance of that.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION** Last Sunday's Gospel served as an introduction to Jesus, the Lamb of God.

The Sunday Gospels between now and the beginning of Lent will use the Sermon on the Mount to help us explore and reflect upon who this Lamb of God is and how we, as disciples, should respond to him. They will unfold for us how Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the source of true peace and how we can find our way to him and to one another – that is, how we can live faithful to the tradition of Jesus.

This Sunday Jesus begins his ministry in an unexpected place – Capernaum in the countryside, not in the holy city, Jerusalem. The familiar Gospel demand: Repent for the kingdom is close at hand, is sounded for the first time by Jesus, echoing John the Baptist.

To the ministry of proclaimers of the Kingdom Jesus adds four intimates who will be with him throughout the journey into the light.

The Gospel begs many questions: just what is this Kingdom all about? Who is this Jesus who seems to have the power to compel prosperous, ordinary men to follow him? What does it mean to be 'fishers of men'? Why does Jesus begin his ministry in an unexpected place? What is this Good News of the Kingdom that Jesus offers?

In all, the Gospel serves not just to tell us about Jesus and what he did, but also to help us reflect on our own experience of Jesus: what does it mean for us also to be called (not just as followers but also as 'fishers')? How immediate and life-changing is our response to him? Can we follow him all the way to the cross? How do we proclaim the Good News of the kingdom? How are we healers of people and situations which are part of our lives?

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

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