

**4TH / 5TH FEBRUARY
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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A – RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY



PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer 9.40am Monday – Saturday

Evening Prayer 6.00pm Monday – Friday



SATURDAY 4TH	10.00AM	Cooper family
	6.00PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY JANUARY 5TH	9.00AM	Xieva family
FIFTH SUNDAY YEAR A	10.30AM	Uidel family
MONDAY 6TH	10.00AM	Eileen Brown RIP
TUESDAY 7TH	10.00AM	Joe Grimes RIP
WEDNESDAY 8TH	10.00AM	Cole family intentions
THURSDAY 9TH	10.00AM	Eileen – 70th birthday
FRIDAY 10TH	10.00AM	Terence Toolan
SATURDAY 11TH	10.00AM	Peter & Linda Goulding RIP (anniversaries)
	6.00PM	Fr David Fox – wellbeing
SUNDAY JANUARY 12TH	9.00AM	Ray Dalgarno – health
SIXTH SUNDAY YEAR A	10.30AM	People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Fr Francis Kemsley, O.Carm., Ray Dalgarno, Librada Silva, Peter & Jessie Duckworth, Tom Turner, Sarah Dean, Annette Wiggins, 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 Annie Rooney, Molly Barrett, David Dwane, Emmanuel Benedict (brother of Helen Ligury), Josie Parks, and Kenny Wilson **as well as those whose anniversaries are around this time, including** John Berridge, O.Carm., June Wood, Mary Moloney, Jessie Reynolds, Clara Roberts, Sarah Robinson, Mary Parker, Norah Whiting, Elizabeth Lloyd, John Crump and Martin Bellis.

**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/20230205/mass.htm>

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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.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES A few people have asked for weekdays Masses to move forward a little and after some discussion it has been suggested that from the start of Lent, we will celebrate Morning Prayer at 9.00am and Mass at 9.15am. If you have any thoughts about this, please let us know.

GOSPEL REFLECTION Last Sunday, in the 'Beatitudes', Jesus called his disciples to be vulnerable risk-takers in the way they lived their lives. Continuing the Sermon on the Mount this week, Jesus goes on to say that if they live this way, they will be like the salt that transforms the flavour of food and the light that transforms the darkness. Undertaking this path of transformation produces the flavour and light of good works which lift burdens from our fellow human beings, not for the praise of the disciple but for the praise to God. In this way, these good works draw others into the circle of God's friendship and the experience of the kingdom. Disciples walk the path of vulnerability and risk in order to help lift burdens from human beings; to make the world safe for their brothers and sisters. These good, life-giving actions towards our fellow human beings restore life, heal relationships and seek peace and justice. This non-aggressive, non-grasping, non-competitive stance towards one another would hardly be described by many in today's world as the way to a successful life. It is a real challenge to live by the Gospel in a world which fawns over and celebrates wealth, power, aggression, status and deceptive and combative behaviour. We, too, can be easily seduced. We need to be bold and brave in our care for one another, like a light-filled city on a hilltop. So, can we run the risk of being poor in spirit, gentle, a peacemaker, working for what is right, being merciful, or persecuted in the cause of right? Can we be vulnerable risk-takers? As always, the first reading provides an introduction to the Gospel text. The reading from Isaiah (58:7-10) gives some very practical examples of good works: share your bread with the hungry, clothe the naked, look after your family members. Then 'your light will shine'. Integrity will be yours and God will walk with you. 'If you do away with the angry word and the clenched fist, feed the hungry, give relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness and your shadows become like noon.' A great 'setting of the scene' for the Gospel!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

February 13th – 17th: Carmelite Assembly in Aylesford (no weekday Masses Tuesday to Friday)

February 21st: 12 noon Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick

February 22nd: Ash Wednesday. Mass at 10.00am and 7.00pm

Tuesdays of Lent: Prayer in Church each evening at 7.00pm

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY A COMMUNITY OF CARMELITE FRIARS

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