

20<sup>TH</sup> / 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY  
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

EASTER WEEK SEVEN - YEAR A



PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer 15 minutes before weekday Masses

Evening Prayer Monday – Friday 6.00pm

Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 10.30am Mass each week



SATURDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup>	10.00AM	Mary Frith – health
	6.00PM	Nora Gilkes & family
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00AM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup>	10.30AM	Kathleen – health
MONDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup>	9.15AM	Paulina & family
TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup>	10.30AM	Requiem Mass for Margaret Bridgen RIP
WEDNESDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup>	9.15AM	Joe Wright RIP
THURSDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup>	9.15AM	Brenda Jules-Carbon
FRIDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup>	9.15AM	Winsome Vassel
SATURDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup>	10.00AM	Special Intentions
	6.00PM	Janet Braithwaite
PENTECOST SUNDAY	9.00AM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup>	10.30AM	Hillary - health

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Fr Francis Kemsley, O.Carm., Richard Lane, Mike Trim, John Regan, Ray Dalgarno, Peter & Jessie Duckworth, Tom Turner, Sarah Dean, Richard Murray, Janet Daly, Louise Marshallsay, Peter Greene, Patrick Mongan, Maureen Watters, Jerry McDonagh, Martin Hayes, Betty Bushell, Nell Goodwin, Ann Rake, Sammy, Shelagh Bradley, Bill and Millie Castelino, Wendy Coley, Bob Costa, Ted Davis, Ian Davison, Michael Earls, Lucas Harmsworth, Gladys Hatch, Barnaby Marchant, Gail O'Connor, Joan O'Sullivan, Julian Philips, Lola Rinvoluceri, Mario Rinvoluceri, Ginny & Richard Woodroofe and Paul Williams. **AND OTHERS FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY** including Callum, Martin (mental health), Zac Dempsey **PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**, including Phil Walsh, Kieran O'Cuneen, Margaret Bridgen, Tony West, Michael Palmer, John Bushell, Australia (brother-in-law of Betty Bushell), Scarlett Maughan, Brian Lewis, **as well as those whose anniversaries are around this time, including** Margaret (Meg) Brown, Patrick Byrne, Brian Deeprose, Tony Deeson, Ross Davies, Patrick Palmer, Eileen Moran, Rowan Coulton and George Cailleau.

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/20230521/mass.htm>

Sign-up for the parish news email: [www.whitefriarsfaversham.org](http://www.whitefriarsfaversham.org)

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** those who have died recently, including:

**MARGARET BRIDGEN**, whose funeral Mass will take place in church on Tuesday 23rd May at 10.30am followed by cremation at Barham Crematorium.

**PHIL WALSH**, father of Fr Ged from Aylesford.

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**LINDA DURKIN RECEPTION** As you know, we will have a reception in Carmel Hall after Mass on Saturday evening to mark Linda's retirement - all are welcome to join us for a drink and nibbles as we thank Linda for almost 30 years of very kind and generous service to the parish and to the Carmelites who made up the community over the years. We wish Linda and Paul a very happy retirement.

**DID YOU KNOW** that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to [www.cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns](http://www.cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND FIRST CONFESSIONS** Thanks to our catechists who are preparing the children of our parish for their First Communion on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am Mass. In preparation for this, we will have a parish reconciliation service on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 11.00am for the children's First Confessions and like last year this is an opportunity for parishioners to join us as a witness to the children of the importance of the sacrament. Fr Michael from Aylesford will be with us on the day.

**COME AND SEE - EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH** Starting on Thursday, 15th June, we will have three "Come and See" sessions where those interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith. These are intended for adults of any or no faith tradition who would like to find out more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian in our world today. In previous years these have been enjoyed by people coming from other Christian traditions, those who were baptised as children and drifted away, and those who are simply curious about their faith. All are welcome and if you would like to be involved, or just find out more, let us know by email or speak to Kevin or Marie Mann.

**SILENT PRAYER** Thank you to all who joined us for the first of our series of "Silent Prayer" sessions - a follow up to the very successful Lent Prayer evenings. You are invited to join us for 30 minutes or so of guided silent prayer - an opportunity to let go of words and thoughts and allow God's Holy Spirit to speak to us. After an introduction, we will have an invocation of the Holy Spirit, and conclude with the Lord's Prayer. The next one will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** preparation meeting – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> after the 10.30am Mass – new people and ideas welcome!

**SOME DATES TO NOTE:**

**Saturday 20th May** - Reception for Linda Durkin after the 6.00pm Mass

**Sunday 28th May** - Pentecost Sunday

**Saturday 3rd June** - Children's First Confessions and parish reconciliation service 11.00am

**Sunday 11th June** - Children's First Communion at 10.30am Mass

**Thursdays 15th, 22nd and 29th** - 7.00pm "Come and See" sessions for adults wanting to know more about the Catholic Church

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

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