

15TH / 16TH JULY
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

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer 15 minutes before weekday Masses

Evening Prayer 6.00pm Thursday & Friday this week

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS EACH WEEK



SATURDAY 15 TH	10.00AM	Stephen Spurling - intentions
	6.00PM	Stephanie Wilson RIP
SUNDAY 16 TH	9.00AM	People of the Parish
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL	10.30AM	Guy Barouti & David Neau - health
MONDAY 17 TH	9.15AM	Vera Gavigan's intentions
ANOINTING MASS TUESDAY 18 TH	12 NOON	Joe Hollohan & Family
	7.00PM	Silent Prayer
WEDNESDAY 19 TH	9.15AM	Michael Shinn RIP
THURSDAY 20 TH	9.15AM	Tomlinson family & friends
FRIDAY 21 ST	9.15AM	Kevin O'Hehir RIP
SATURDAY 22 ND	10.00AM	Cavan Slate - health
	6.00PM	Mark Hammond RIP
SUNDAY 23 RD	9.00AM	People of the Parish
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY	10.30AM	Ailish O'Hagan - health

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Baby Sienna Bentley, Christine Benner, Shirley Hawkes, Richard Lane, John Regan, 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 Woodroffe and Paul Williams. **AND ALL FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY** including Helen & Valerie, Christine (health), Rosie and her children. **PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**, including Clive & Pauline Adams, John Begg, Efstathios Paraskevopolous, Kevin O'Hehir, Olga Wills, Mike Trim, Gerald Grogan, Stephanie Wilson **AS WELL AS THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AROUND THIS TIME**, INCLUDING Andres Balatbat, Annaliese Speller, Joan Woodward, Michael Carpenter, William Underwood, Adam White, Krzysztof Grugier, Ann Hodgman, Claudine Hudson and Linda Erban.

**MAY THEY AND ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE
AND RISE IN GLORY. AMEN.**

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PARISH FAMILY DAY AND BBQ – TODAY Thank you to all who signed up to bring food for the family day. Lots more is required so please bring along soft drinks, salads, finger foods, and any picnic food you think could be shared and enjoyed on the day. And most of all, bring yourself and your family and friends 😊

LIVING FAITH booklets are now at the back of the church for July - September

SILENT PRAYER on Tuesday 18th at 7.00pm – an opportunity for about 40 minutes of silent prayer amongst a small group of parishioners – all welcome. This will continue on the first and third Tuesdays of the month until the end of October.

ANOINTING MASS – Tuesday 18th at 12noon followed by lunch in Carmel Hall. As always, please let us know if you would like a lift to Mass or lunch.

JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION The Commission for Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding an Autumn Assembly on Saturday 23rd September 2023 Entitled: **The Right to Stay: Free to Choose** addressing the motivations that affect decisions taken to leave one's native land. Everyone welcome – more information will follow shortly.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, SEPT. 23RD, 3PM, AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let your parish know as soon as possible, and no later than the end of July, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your email address, home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. You can also get in touch with the organisers by email at: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Faversham.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL From the very beginning Carmelites have had a special place for Mary in their lives. When they first gathered on Mount Carmel in the early part of the 13th century they named their chapel in her honour. Doing so was a sign of their belief that Mary would accompany them in their life in Christ. Perhaps they were inspired by the image painted by St Luke in the Acts of the Apostles of Mary gathered in prayer with the disciples (Acts 1:14). They also called themselves 'the brothers of St Mary of Mount Carmel'.

To the later medieval Carmelites, Mary was 'the Lady of the place', a guide and protector. Like many others of their time, they wrote stories about the things that were important to them. Like all legends, these stories weren't concerned with historical facts, but with describing their spirituality, way of life and their relationships with significant people like Mary and Old Testament Prophet Elijah.

Carmelites see Mary as a model and inspiration for our way of life. The Scriptures show her as one who was deeply in touch with the mind and heart of God, a real contemplative. Contemplative people draw God into their lives and allow God to draw them into His.

To be a contemplative person doesn't mean to live in splendid isolation from the hopes, needs and desires of others. Carmelites also see in the stories of Mary's visit to her pregnant cousin Elizabeth, her concern for the newly married couple at Cana, her companionship with the disciples after the death of Jesus, the inspiration to be of service to others. Mary was at once a contemplative and a woman of service.

Like the early Carmelites we also feel that Mary is like a sister to us, accompanying us as we journey in Christ to God. Mary shows us how to be real disciples of her Son, people deeply involved with God and with God's people.

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY A COMMUNITY OF CARMELITE FRIARS

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