

12TH / 13TH AUGUST
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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY, YEAR A



PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer 9.00am Monday – Friday, 9.40am Saturday

Evening Prayer 6.00pm Monday to Friday

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



SATURDAY 12 TH	10.00AM	Jim Donohoe
	6.00PM	Andrew Gallagher RIP
SUNDAY 13TH	9.00AM	People of the Parish
NINETEENTH SUNDAY YEAR A	10.30AM	Margaret Bridgen RIP
MONDAY 14 TH	9.15AM	Elizabeth Toolan
HOLY DAY: TUESDAY 5TH	12 NOON	Martin Family intentions
THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY	7.00PM	People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 16 TH	9.15AM	SM – health
THURSDAY 17 TH	9.15AM	Anne Matthews – birthday thanksgiving
FRIDAY 18 TH	9.15AM	Mr C Richards – health
SATURDAY 19 TH	10.00AM	Ms M Lowry – health
	6.00PM	Deceased Fitzpatrick Family
SUNDAY 20TH	9.00AM	People of the Parish
TWENTIETH SUNDAY YEAR A	10.30AM	Andres Balatbat RIP (anniversary)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Baby Sienna Bentley, John Longfield, Christine Benner, 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 Vivian, Helen & Valerie, Christina (health), Una & Jim. **PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**, including Robert Eddings, Shirley Hawkes, Clive & Pauline Adams, **AS WELL AS THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AROUND THIS TIME, INCLUDING** Christopher Oldfield, Sylvia Davis, Declan Melody, Amelia Stankovich, Eileen White, Solange Bruxelles, Brian Merrells, Anne Park, Patrick Muldoon, Irene Ring, Mary Byrne, Pauline Burrows and Yvonne Hulks

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

You can find Sunday's scripture readings here: <https://universalis.com/20230813/mass.htm>

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

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Psalm response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

TUESDAY: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Tuesday is the **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**, and a holy day. As it is a Tuesday, our regular daily Mass will be at 12noon and we will also have an evening Mass at 7.00pm. On this day we honour Mary not merely for a great privilege. We celebrate God's victory in her faith, her poverty and her unassuming service. As she was sure of God's love, her faith prompted her to accept the unexpected. Humbly and without reservation she served God's plans. She followed her Son in his life and his passion. This is why she is the first of all believers and the model of what the Church is called to be and what is in store for us. This is why she was the first to share in the total victory of her Son over death and is with him in heaven, body and soul. Our Carmelite Province is named in honour of Our Lady of the Assumption.

MASS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE on Sunday, 3rd September at 10.30am - please send us the names of any child you would like prayed for by name, along with the move they are preparing for: new class, new school, on to university, a gap year or a new job. Whatever is happening in their lives, we will be with them in prayer.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST If you are a commissioned extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, and would like to exercise your ministry at our weekend Masses, please let me know. We will create a new rota of ministers soon. Thank you to those who volunteer at the moment - it is greatly appreciated by all. If you would like to be commissioned as an extraordinary minister, please let Kevin know too.

CARMELITE REFLECTIONS: STEPS ON THE JOURNEY Weekly reflections from The British Province of Carmelites. Journey with us as we hear different voices and perspectives from our Carmelite family. Reflections on some key themes and aspects of our spirituality and way of life. 'Steps on the Journey': supporting prayer and reflection on our Carmelite Charism. Reflections released each Monday online <https://carmelite.org/weekly-reflections>

GOSPEL REFLECTION Trust is an essential element in the formation of faith. This section of St Matthew's Gospel is about the Kingdom of God being seen in the Church when human needs are responded to with the life of God. Jesus is forming the faith of the disciples and helping them to understand that they can do great and unexpected things if they allow the grace of God to work in them. For that to happen the disciples must have faith in Christ. They must learn to sense the presence of God within themselves just as Elijah learnt to recognise the presence of God in the gentle breeze in the first reading today. Jesus and Elijah remain in communion with God through moments of solitary prayer.

St Matthew uses the story of Jesus approaching the disciples across the water to illustrate the confidence and trust the disciple needs to have in Christ. The story also shows how fear can erode faith and shake confidence. Sometimes we, too, feel like we are sinking beneath the waves. For the people in Matthew's community this story was a call to faith, trust, courage and boldness in the midst of the hostile forces of the world. Peter's actions in the story are a mixture of impulsive love and faith weakened by doubt. Peter and the others see clearly for the first time exactly who Jesus is.

Peggy Ladd, RIP: Peggy's Funeral will take place on Monday 4th September 11.00am at Memoria Faversham Crematorium. Please keep Peggy, her family and all the bereaved in your prayers. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY A COMMUNITY OF CARMELITE FRIARS

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