

4TH / 5TH NOVEMBER 2023
THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY, YEAR A

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



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 4 TH	10.00AM	Francoise Barouti
	6.00PM	Ray Smith RIP
SUNDAY 5TH	9.00AM	People of the Parish
THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY YEAR A	10.30AM	Francois, Augustine and Amelio Barouti RIP
MONDAY 6 TH	9.15AM	Kath Hardy RIP
TUESDAY 7 TH	12 NOON	Maureen Wood (birthday thanksgiving)
	7.00PM	Silent Prayer
WEDNESDAY 8 TH	9.15AM	Jude, Dilani, Jason & Tara
THURSDAY 9 TH	9.15AM	Robert Benjamin-Laing
FRIDAY 10 TH	9.15AM	Harvey Benjamin-Laing
SATURDAY 11 TH	10.00AM	Marian McEyeson
	6.00PM	Benjamin-Laing & McGyrson family
SUNDAY 12TH	9.00AM	People of the Parish
THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY YEAR A	10.30AM	Benjamin-Laing & McGyrson family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Baby Sienna Bentley, Paul Durkin, Linda LaDue, Levi Zimba, John Longfield, Peter & Jessie Duckworth, Tom Turner, Sarah Dean, 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 Jim Dunne, Cash family, Vivian, Helen & Valerie, Una & Jim. **PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**, including Francis Kemsley, O.Carm., Tony Murphy, Richard Lane, Richard Murray, John Regan, Jean Durrant, Pat Newberry (brother of Terry), **AS WELL AS THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AROUND THIS TIME**, INCLUDING Linda & Rachel Bishop, Patrick Kelly, James Kilcoyne, Edward Ardizzone, Doris Walker, Nick Brian, Dave Richards, Eileen Whiffin, Agnes Sbarra and Ivy Kilcoyne. **WE ALSO PRAY FOR** peace, for the work of the foodbank, the outreach of the SVP in our parish, for the pilgrims to the Shrine of St Jude, for the Holy Souls in the month of November.

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY A COMMUNITY OF CARMELITE FRIARS

KEVIN MELODY, PARISH PRIEST; PAUL DE GROOT, SHRINE CHAPLAIN; RICHARD COPSEY, PROVINCE HISTORIAN

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PRAYERS PLEASE: Please remember in your prayers **Pat Newbery RIP**, brother of Terry, and **Richard Lane RIP**, father of Jacqui McCabe, both of whom died recently. May they rest in peace as we remember their families and all who are bereaved.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD The month of November is traditionally a time when we remember those who have died. Wednesday 15th November is the Feast of All Carmelite Souls and Mass will be at 7.00pm on that day to remember the deceased of our Carmelite Family as well as all who have died amongst our family and parish community in this last year. From 1st November, we will have a display on front of sanctuary in which you can place the names of anyone you would like remembered.

BOOK SALE During the month of November the Shrine of St Jude office will have a sale of books, DVDs, CDs and so forth – Monday to Friday, 9.30am – 4.30pm.

SINCERE AND GROUNDED FAITH The warnings against the leaders conclude this week. This is the final part of this series of readings in which Jesus strongly criticises various groups of leaders who have failed to grasp what religion and faith in God are really about. The problem centres around the belief that religious practice is all that is necessary to be justified in God's eyes. According to Jesus, however, it is really about conversion, the continual process of turning oneself towards God. Bit by bit as our hearts are changed by the Holy Spirit we come to see with God's eyes and feel with God's heart. That is why Jesus insists that it is what is within one's heart that is important, not how many religious laws one fulfils.

The Scribes and Pharisees have a 'one-dimensional', narrow view of religion and faith. Jesus' view embraces the whole person in the journey of faith. As St Paul puts it in the Letter to the Romans: faith is a journey of being remade in the image and likeness of Christ. It changes and transforms every part of us. No true believer can live as though faith and life are separate. Often contemporary civil leaders wish that the Church would confine its comments only to 'religious' things. For us, all the dimensions of life are part of our religious framework – social, political, economic, physical, psychological, mental and spiritual. All these are viewed from the perspective of our faith. As Pope John Paul II said, "The light of the Gospel must be brought to bear on every aspect of human life." Our moral sense of what is right and wrong develops as we reflect on the issues of human life in the light of the Gospel. Ours is never an attitude of "all's fair in love and war". No matter what the issue, or what sphere of human endeavour in which we are involved, our words and actions must always be true to the values of our Christian life. With Christ as our only teacher, we learn the ways of wisdom and love. We learn how to live, not by the values of the world, but by the values of the Spirit.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DECEMBER 2nd 2023

In the Alexander Centre

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO FILLED UP LAST WEEK'S LIST OF ITEMS FOR THE HAMPERS FOR THE GRAND DRAW – A NEW LIST IS NOW THERE FOR THE SECOND HAMPER – IF YOU CAN HELP, IT WILL BE APPRECIATED

TICKETS FOR THE DRAW ARE ALSO AVAILABLE – THANK YOU.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON THE DAY – PLEASE LET KEVIN OR PAUL KNOW AND WE WILL PASS ON YOUR DETAILS
THANK YOU**

You can find Sunday's scripture readings here:

<https://universalis.com/20231105/mass.htm>

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

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Psalm response: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.