

18<sup>TH</sup> / 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023  
THIRTY THIRD 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  
**SEVENTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**



**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 18 <sup>TH</sup>	10.00AM	Erin Fernandes RIP
	6.00PM	Deceased Lane Family
WORLD DAY OF THE POOR SUNDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup>	9.00AM	People of the Parish
THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY YEAR A	10.30AM	Bastin Family intentions
MONDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup>	9.15AM	SM – health
TUESDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup>	12 NOON	Peace in the Middle East
	7.00PM	Silent Prayer in the side chapel
WEDNESDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup>	9.15AM	Leo Rebello & family
THURSDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup>	9.15AM	Francesco Rebello
FRIDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup>	9.15AM	Olinda D'Souza and family
SATURDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup>	10.00AM	Aida Berens RIP
	6.00PM	Special Intentions
SUNDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup>	9.00AM	People of the Parish
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	10.30AM	Francis Kemsley, O.Carm. RIP

**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, Pat Newberry (brother of Terry), **AS WELL AS THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AROUND THIS TIME**, INCLUDING Joy Harris, Fr Tom Herbst, Pat Dorkings, Brenda Vernet, Paul Whiffin, Finnlee Finn, Billy Demomme, Alison Hallgate, Teresa Noonan and Margareta Strickland.  
**WE ALSO PRAY FOR** peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land, 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**

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**POPE FRANCIS** has declared this **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November** to be the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7). In his message for this World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis reflects on the example of Tobit. He considers how the Book of Tobit teaches us to be realistic and practical in whatever we do with and for the poor, writing that "caring for the poor is more than simply a matter of a hasty hand-out; it calls for reestablishing the just interpersonal relationships that poverty harms." Pope Francis reminds us that the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) is not simply a story from the past but continues to challenge each of us in the here and now of our daily lives. He writes: "It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian is to become personally involved." **We will have a second collection for the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in our parish this weekend.**

**SILENT PRAYER** will continue this Tuesday evening at 7.00pm in the side chapel. All are welcome to join us for 40 minutes or so of silence in the presence of God and one another.

**REFLECTION:** Continuing the theme of last week's parable about the wise and the foolish women, this parable also concentrates on wisdom. The wise servants fulfil the bond of trust placed in them by the master by being productive with an enormous amount of money entrusted to them. Like last Sunday, today's Gospel is another 'meantime' parable - how do we live as disciples of Christ in the meantime as we wait for his return? The master entrusts his property to his servants and goes away. On his return, he asks for an accounting of what they have done with his property. The servants who have been industrious and productive are praised. Christ has entrusted us with the Kingdom of God. We are called to work industriously and productively with the Spirit so that the Kingdom, the Reign of God's grace, may be seen and experienced through us, and that others also may come to believe. The Kingdom gifts of love, justice, mercy, compassion and forgiveness are multiplied. The Kingdom grows. Both the first reading and the Gospel today praise busy, energetic people - those who produce much from what has been given to them. In these readings we find an image of how to wait in this 'in between time' for the final coming of Christ. The Christian disciple is called to watch and wait, not in a lazy or self-indulgent way, but eagerly doing the work of the Kingdom and producing its fruits of justice, mercy, peace, hope and love as we go about our daily tasks. It is the ideal of responsible stewardship which is proclaimed in the Gospel. We have been entrusted with the very life of God. What are we doing/will we do with it?

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023**  
**In the Alexander Centre**

**ITEMS STILL NEEDED INCLUDE: BOTTLES (ALCOHOL AND SOFT DRINKS) FOR THE TOMBOLA, NEW OR AS-NEW GIFTS AND ITEMS FOR THE CRAFT STALL. PLEASE ALSO TAKE SOME TICKETS FOR THE GRAND DRAW - £5 PER BOOK.**

**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/20231119/mass.htm>

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**Entrance Antiphon:** *The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.*

**Psalm response:** *O blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** *To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.*