

3-4 FEBRUARY 2024

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
FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B



PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer 9.00am Monday – Friday, 9.40am Saturday
Evening Prayer 6.00pm Monday – Friday

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

SATURDAY 3 RD	10.00AM	Fr Joseph Ealey's intentions
	6.00PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 4 TH	9.00AM	Gladys Hatch RIP
5 TH SUNDAY YEAR B	10.30AM	Tommy Gallagher – get well
MONDAY 5 TH	9.15 AM	Michael Kielthy
TUESDAY 6 TH	12 NOON	Gladys Hatch RIP
WEDNESDAY 7 TH	9.15 AM	David, Gina & Lucas Jude Dunwoody
THURSDAY 8 TH	9.15 AM	Carol & Richard Sowa
FRIDAY 9 TH	9.15 AM	Derek Pope RIP
SATURDAY 10 TH	10.00AM	Terence Allies
	6.00PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 11 TH	9.00AM	Peter & Lynda Goulding
6 TH SUNDAY YEAR B	10.30AM	Joelle Cabon RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Baby Sienna Bentley, Sean Blake, Tommy Gallagher, Paul Durkin, Linda LaDue, Levi Zimba, John Littlefield, 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, Millie Castelino, Wendy Coley, Bob Costa, Ted Davis, Ian Davison, Lucas Harmsworth, Barnaby Marchant, Gail O'Connor, Joan O'Sullivan, Julian Philips, Lola Rinvoluceri, Mario Rinvoluceri, Ginny & Richard Woodroofe and Paul Williams. **AND ALL FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY** including Angela and children, Jim Dunne, Cash family. **PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**, including Alice, Shelagh Bradley, Peter Davie, Gonzalo Lira, Derek Pope, Gladys Hatch, Susan White, Agnes Mascarenhas, **AS WELL AS THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AROUND THIS TIME, INCLUDING** Nita Wilson, Annie Rooney, Alan Maynard, John Berridge, O.Carm., June Wood, Mary Moloney, Jessie Reynolds, Clara Roberts, Sarah Robinson, Mary Parker, Norah Whiting, Elizabeth Lloyd, John Crump and Martin Bellis. **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.

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY A COMMUNITY OF CARMELITE FRIARS

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GLADYS HATCH RIP Gladys died recently after a short illness in hospital. She was just short of her 102nd birthday. Her body will be received into the church on Monday 19th January at 4.00pm and her funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 20th at 11.00am followed by burial in Love Lane Cemetery. May Gladys rest in peace as we pray for her family and friends who mourn her death.

SHELAGH BRADLEY RIP Shelagh was a part of our parish community for very many years and a parish secretary with Fr Frank back in the early 90s. She is also remembered for her work with the children and their Christmas crib service each year. May Shelagh rest in peace as we pray for her and her family.

FAVERSHAM ASSISTANCE CENTRE We will have a second collection this weekend to support the work of FACE in supporting the elderly and disadvantaged in the Faversham area. FACE carries out the tasks that residents are no longer able to complete, taking the strain off people who feel that they would have to move as they are no longer able to maintain their garden or homes.

LENT PRAYER Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 14th February and as in recent years, each Tuesday evening at 7.00pm we will have a time of prayer. On Tuesday 20th February we will resume our Silent Prayer for 40 minutes or so. The following three weeks will be a celebration of the Stations of the Cross and on March 19th we will have a time of Taizé prayer. On March 26th, we will have our Lent reconciliation service. All are welcome to join us for any or all of these evenings.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY: MARK 1:29-39

The story of Jesus' first day of ministry in Capernaum continues in the Gospel for this Sunday. After leaving the synagogue where he has healed the possessed man Jesus goes to Simon's house. He heals Simon's mother-in-law and restores her to her rightful place as hospitality provider - a sacred ministry in Jewish households. No words are spoken. Jesus simply holds her hand and helps her up. In doing so he would have broken taboos about touching a sick person, and touching a woman to whom he was not related. But in Mark's Gospel law and custom cannot stand in the way of God's healing power. That evening, after sunset, after the Sabbath day was over, people begin to bring the sick and possessed to Jesus for healing. Notice how 'local' all these elements of Mark's story are: a local man in the local synagogue, a local woman in her own house, local people crowd around the door, local people are brought for healing. In all the healing stories, Mark presents Jesus in conversation with each individual. There are no 'en masse' healings - each person gets individual treatment - sometimes with words, sometimes by touch, sometimes both. There is a sense of intimacy in Jesus' healing ministry. Interestingly, the devils seem to know exactly who Jesus is, but the human beings take much longer to recognise Jesus. In the early morning Jesus goes off to pray by himself. Jesus prays both in public worship in the synagogue and in moments of quiet communion with God. Mark helps us understand that both are necessary for would-be disciples. Jesus begins and ends his day in prayer. When they find Jesus, the disciples beg him to return to the town, but Jesus has other ideas. His preaching and healing is not only for the people of Capernaum, but for the whole people of Galilee. No doubt, the disciples enjoyed being in the presence of such a wonder-worker as Jesus! But Jesus' focus is not himself; it is his mission of proclaiming the Good News of God's love through healing words and actions. The healing stories underline the idea that contact with God through the person of Jesus brings healing and wholeness, not death and destruction. The preaching of Jesus together with the healing/wholeness stories is fundamentally about the transformation of real, living human beings into the new People of God.

You can find Sunday's scripture readings here: <https://universalis.com/20240204/mass.htm> and

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Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Psalm response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.