

30TH – 31ST MARCH 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



EASTER SUNDAY YEAR B

PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer 9.00am Monday – Saturday
Evening Prayer 6.00pm Monday – Wednesday

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

HOLY SATURDAY 30TH	8.00PM	THE EASTER VIGIL Mary Waters RIP
SUNDAY 31ST	9.00AM	MASS OF THE RESURRECTION People of the Parish
EASTER SUNDAY	10.30AM	FAMILY MASS FOR EASTER Carmelite Intentions
EASTER MONDAY 1ST APRIL	-----	NO MASS TODAY
EASTER TUESDAY 2ND	12NOON	Brian McCabe RIP
EASTER WEDNESDAY 3RD	9.15 AM	Danielle Lai RIP
EASTER THURSDAY 4TH	9.15AM	Gerry Donohoe - health
EASTER FRIDAY 5TH	9.15AM	Gerry Donohoe – health
EASTER SATURDAY 6TH	9.15AM	Pat Burton - birthday
	6.00PM	Mary Walker RIP
SUNDAY 7TH	9.00AM	People of the Parish
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.30AM	Agnes Mascarenhas RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Baby Sienna Bentley, Michael Marsh, Gerry Donohoe, Zita Devis, Veronica Cole, 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 Rinvolucri, Mario Rinvolucri, Ginny & Richard Woodroffe 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 Mary Maye, Constance Perera, Bob Tunstall, Morna Shanahan, Lisa Correa, Willie Slattery, Robin de Rouen, **AS WELL AS THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AROUND THIS TIME, INCLUDING** Gertie White, Leonard King, Maria Brenner-Butler, Mary Loadsman, Aureli Johnstone, Aleksandra Zak, Mary Walker and Ethel Clarke. **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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HAPPY EASTER Thank you to all of you who joined us for our Easter Triduum celebrations and in particular a huge thank you to all who enabled the liturgies to happen so beautifully: readers, musicians, servers and your very prayerful presence to one another. A special congratulations to those who were baptised and confirmed into our Church community at the Vigil.

I WILL BE AWAY next weekend for the wedding of my sister Therese and her fiancé Steven in Ireland and the following weekend at Carmelite meetings in Dublin. Whilst I am away, there will be no Monday morning Masses on 1st and 8th of April. Fr Ged from Aylesford will be with us on Sunday 14th April and I grateful to him for his generosity and I am sure you will make him welcome as always.

MISSION APPEAL Next weekend we will welcome Fr Godwin, a priest from the Spiritan Order who will speak to us about the work of the Spiritans across the world in proclaiming the Gospel.

EASTER LILIES Thanks to all who donated towards the purchase of the Easter Lilies. Your loved ones will be remembered at Masses during Easter on April 21st, 28th and May 4th. May they rest in peace. Their names are on display the front of the church and we keep them all in our prayers throughout Easter.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION. If you are interested in being commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister, please let Fr Kevin know – a preparation date will be arranged soon. Thank you.

ST OSCAR ROMERO'S MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH OF TODAY:

"Each one of you has to be God's microphone. Each one of you has to be a messenger, a prophet. The church will always exist as long as there is someone who has been baptized...Where is your baptism? You are baptized in your professions, in the fields of workers, in the market. Wherever there is someone who has been baptized, that is where the church is. There is a prophet there. Let us not hide the talent that God gave us on the day of our baptism and let us truly live the beauty and responsibility of being a prophetic people."

"A church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed — what gospel is that?"

GOSPEL REFLECTION: When someone dies, one of the things we often feel is their absence. The rooms where they lived with us, the places where they sat are now empty and our hearts ache.

In a way, we are all caught in tombs which hold loved ones, our experiences of hurt and harm, our fears and anxieties. What we seem to need above all is presence.

Easter is a story of transformation. Where once there was only absence, now there is calm, loving, healing Presence and we know we are not alone.

Our tombs begin to empty, and joy becomes possible again. Resurrection is all about death giving way to life, the impossible becoming possible, absence becoming presence.

You can find Sunday's scripture readings here: www.universalis.com/20240331/mass.htm and

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Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm response: This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore, let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: If you would like to make a donation to the work of the SVP in our parish, you can use their bank account. A/c number: 46075364 S/C: 60-60-04 SVP Faversham

