

20TH – 21ST APRIL 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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

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 20TH	10.00AM	Jessica Tam
	6.00PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 21ST	9.00AM	Easter Lillies Remembrance
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.30AM	Richard Lane RIP
MONDAY 22ND	9.15 AM	Gerard Martin Bradley RIP
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK TUESDAY 23RD	12NOON	Gerry Donohoe – health
WEDNESDAY 24TH	9.15 AM	Arnold Vaz RIP
THURSDAY 25TH	9.15AM	Gerry Donohoe – health
	4.00PM	Parish Council Meeting
FRIDAY 26TH	9.15AM	Marie Marina Cronin RIP
SATURDAY 27TH	10.00AM	Shirley J Hunt – private intentions
	6.00PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 28TH	9.00AM	Christopher Tobin – birthday
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.30AM	Easter Lilies remembrance

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Baby Sienna Bentley, Kathy Hammond, 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 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 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** Anthony West, Brian Lewis, Kathleen Earls, Jeanne Harvey, Joan Goodman, Joseph Park, Mary Martin, Bernard Jeffrey, Philip Ardizzone, Marie Maxwell, Hilda Galligan, Constance Vials and Margaret Hex.. **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

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

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KATHY HAMMOND Please keep Kathy in your prayers as she recovers in hospital from an accident at home in which she sustained serious injury. We pray for a quick recovery for Kathy and offer our support to her family and friends.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK will be celebrated on Tuesday at the 12 noon Mass, followed by lunch in Carmel Hall. Thanks, as always to the SVP for their very generous gift of their time and talents to making this an enjoyable experience each month.

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.

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.

THE GARDENING GROUP meet each Tuesday at 10.00am and I am sure you will agree that they do a wonderful job in keeping our gardens looking beautiful, as well as ensuring we have lots of flowers to decorate the church. You would be very welcome to join them each week (or any week) to offer your help. On Saturday 11th May all are invited to come along for a general tidy-up of the grounds which will go a long way in helping the group prepare for the summer season.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on Thursday 25th at 4.00pm in Carmel Hall.

SILENT PRAYER will resume on Tuesday 7th May at 7.00pm in the side chapel. All are welcome to join us for 40 minutes or so of silent prayer on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Jesus, true Shepherd The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday” because no matter what reading cycle we are in, the Gospel always focusses on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

This year, the Gospel reading talks about Jesus as a true shepherd prepared to lay down his life for his sheep. He is not like the hired man who runs away when danger appears. He knows his sheep and one day will gather them all into one flock.

Jesus acts towards us like a good shepherd: feeding, nurturing, defending and even laying down his life for us. Our Good Shepherd is deeply concerned about us, the flock and there is a deep sense of warmth and intimacy in the realisation that Jesus knows each one of us. Like a good shepherd Jesus is the source of life, nourishment, and safety for the sheep.

Any reflection about Jesus as the Good Shepherd also serves as a reminder that shepherding each other in Jesus’ name is part of the vocation of every disciple. We are very used to thinking about Jesus as the Good Shepherd, but we also need to think about being/becoming good shepherds to each other.

One of the very encouraging things about these difficult days is the number of people who have become good shepherds to others, providing safety and security to vulnerable people, supporting health workers, providing meals and companionship.

You can find Sunday’s scripture readings here: www.universalis.com/20240421/mass.htm and

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Entrance Antiphon: *The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

Psalm response: *The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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*