

19TH & 20TH APRIL 2025

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 VIGIL & EASTER SUNDAY – YEAR C



PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

MORNING PRAYER 9.00AM TUESDAY – FRIDAY; 9.40AM SATURDAY
EVENING PRAYER 6.00PM MONDAY - FRIDAY

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

HOLY SATURDAY 19TH	8.00PM	THE EASTER VIGIL
EASTER SUNDAY 20TH	9.00AM	Janet Brian – get well
	10.30AM	Ignatius O'Connell RIP
EASTER MONDAY 21ST	-----	NO MASS TODAY
TUESDAY 22ND	12.00 NOON	Tom Whelan RIP
WEDNESDAY 23RD	9.15AM	J&S Aseeruatham
THURSDAY 24TH	9.15AM	Timothy Aseeruatham & Family RIP
FRIDAY 25TH	9.15AM	Ponching Lea RIP
SATURDAY 26TH	10.00AM	SS & Lani Aseeruatham-Leggett & Baby Luni
	5-5.30PM	Confessions
	6.00PM	Justin Park
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 27TH	9.00AM	People of the Parish
	10.30AM	Baby Richard John RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Baby Sienna Bentley, Sheelagh Campbell, Simon MacLaughlin, Barry Anderson, James Roche, Jim Maher, Ellen Farren, Kathy Hammond, Dillon, Michael Marsh, Zita Devis, Veronica Cole, Sean Blake, Tommy Gallagher, Paul Durkin, Peter & Jessie Duckworth, Tom Turner, Janet Daly, Louise Marshallsay, Peter Greene, Patrick Mongan, 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 Woodroffe and Paul Williams. **AND ALL FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY** including Bridget Tierney & family, James, Peter Woods. **PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**, including Simon Maclachlan, Cordelia Megbele, Fr John O'Toole, Liz Grace, Veronica Murphy. **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 Vialls and Margaret Hex **WE ALSO PRAY FOR** peace in Ukraine and the Middle East, all who are refugees and migrants, 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

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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 confirmed into our Church community at the Vigil. It is through the witness of each of you that others recognise the call of Christ to join the community of faith.

SIMON MACLACHLAN RIP Simon, known to many of you as a regular reader on Saturday evenings, died on Thursday after a short illness. We remember Simon and his family in our prayers. May he rest in peace.

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

THE EMPTY TOMB AND THE RISEN CHRIST On this glorious Easter Sunday, the Church proclaims with joy: "Jesus is Risen!" But what does this truly mean for us? In the Gospel of John, we see Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John discovering the empty tomb. At first, they do not fully understand; their hearts remain clouded by sorrow and confusion. It is no great thing to believe that Jesus died; even the pagans believe this, everyone believes it. The truly great thing is to believe that he is risen. Yet, the message of Easter is clear: "He is not here; He is Risen." This first proclamation of the Resurrection changes everything. The empty tomb is not a sign of loss, but of victory. The disciples, still fearful, locked themselves away, uncertain of what was to come. And yet, through their fear, through their doubt, the Church continues to proclaim: "Christ is Risen!" However, our experiences of pain and miseries in life might prompt us to ask: if Christ is Risen, why do suffering and injustice persist? Why do we witness war, oppression, illness, and tragedy? Where is the Lord in the midst of pain? Although we may not always receive answers, we are bestowed with faith. This faith reassures us that the Risen Christ is here, turning suffering into redemption and despair into hope. Believing in His death is simple; believing in His Resurrection is the real test. The angel who appeared to the women Easter morning said to them: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5). I must confess that at the end of these reflections, I feel that this rebuke is also directed at me. It is as if the angel were to say to me: "Why do you waste time seeking among dead human and historical arguments, the one who is alive and at work in the Church and in the world? Go instead and tell the others that he is risen." The disciples, who initially ran away in fear, transformed into bold witnesses after meeting the Risen Lord. An undeniable change occurred within them, inspiring them to declare Christ's victory, even in the face of death. Today, let us carry this truth in our hearts: "Christ is Risen!" In the face of every trial, let us cling to this hope. And let us, like the first disciples, go forth and proclaim: "He is truly Risen!"

A MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, July 12th 2025, at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know ASAP, and no later than the middle of May, giving: your names, your home address, your parish, & the anniversary celebrating. You will be sent an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during this Mass. Spaces are limited. Email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk. Add subject of email - parish location e.g. Faversham

You can find Sunday's scripture readings here: www.universalis.com/20250420/mass.htm

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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 is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival 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.*