

3RD & 4TH MAY 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – 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**

SS PHILIP AND JAMES SATURDAY 3RD	10.00AM	Kitty Geary
	5-5.30PM	Confessions
	6.00PM	People of the Parish
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 4TH	9.00AM	Jude & Finley Fello
	10.30AM	Justin Park
MONDAY 5TH	-----	NO MASS TODAY
TUESDAY 6TH	12.00 NOON	Angela Cameiro
	7.00PM	Quiet Prayer
WEDNESDAY 7TH	9.15AM	Justin Park
THURSDAY 8TH	9.15AM	Sarah Dean RIP – 1st anniversary
FRIDAY 9TH	9.15AM	Cicely Blalock & Sister Pat
SATURDAY 10TH	10.00AM	Pat Burke RIP
	5-5.30PM	Confessions
	6.00PM	Millie Castelino
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 11TH	9.00AM	People of the Parish
	10.30AM	Sarah Dean RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Baby Sienna Bentley, Sheelagh Campbell, 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** Sarah Dean, Angelique, David Isaac, Sybil Meyer, Fr Tony Pelan, O.Carm., Naomi Clark, Mary Hayes, Veronica Parsons, Douglas Durkin, Frances Cavanagh, Mark Hammond, Diana Farrell and Christine Dunn **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

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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. Details of his funeral service will be finalised soon. 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.

TUESDAY NIGHT QUIET PRAYER resumes this week at 7.00pm in the side chapel. All are welcome to join us for 40 minutes or so of quiet prayer in the presence of God and one another. The following Tuesday, the second of the month, we will have a time of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.00pm.

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

REFLECTION Fishers of Hope

As we journey through this Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope, today's Gospel speaks to our spiritual pilgrimage. The scene unfolds at the Lake of Galilee, where the disciples find themselves with empty nets after a night of fishing. How often do we, too, return to old habits when we feel disheartened or uncertain about our path?

Peter's experience mirrors our own spiritual journeys. Despite having followed Jesus, he reverts to his former life: "I am going fishing." This retreat to familiarity in times of confusion is deeply human. Like Peter, we sometimes neglect prayer, substitute meaningful family conversations with distractions, or abandon charity when life becomes demanding. These backward steps leave us with empty nets and unfulfilled hearts.

The beauty of this Gospel lies in Jesus' response. He doesn't reproach the disciples but tenderly calls them "children" and invites them to cast their nets again. In this Jubilee Year, Christ offers us the same invitation – to begin anew with Him, to push into deeper waters despite our disappointments.

When Peter hears, "It is the Lord," he dives impulsively toward Jesus. What beautiful imagery for our pilgrimage of hope! The Jubilee calls us to this same spontaneous love – to move beyond calculation and convenience toward Christ with renewed enthusiasm.

You can find Sunday's scripture readings here: www.universalis.com/20250504/mass.htm

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Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Psalm response: I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

A prayer for the election of a new Pope:

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia

For he whom you were worth to bear,
Alleluia

Has risen as he said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O virgin Mary,
Alleluia!

Because the Lord is truly risen,
Alleluia!