

31ST MAY & 1ST JUNE 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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C



PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

MORNING PRAYER 9.00AM TUESDAY – FRIDAY

EVENING PRAYER 6.00PM MONDAY - FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY 31 ST	10.00AM	Piedade Castelino RIP
	5-5.30PM	Confessions
	6.00PM	Stephanie Wilson RIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00AM	People of the Parish
JUNE 1 ST	10.30AM	Mike Trim RIP
MONDAY 2 ND	-----	NO MASS TODAY
TUESDAY 3 RD	12.00 NOON	Michael Joseph Keavney RIP
	7.00PM	Quiet Prayer
WEDNESDAY 4 TH	9.15AM	Maureen Frederica Bending – 86 th birthday
THURSDAY 5 TH	9.15AM	Mary Firth and family
FRIDAY 6 TH	9.15AM	Justin Park
	9.45-10.15AM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
SATURDAY 7 TH	-----	NO MASS THIS MORNING
	5-5.30PM	CONFESSIONS
	6.00PM	People of the Parish
PENTECOST SUNDAY	9.00AM	Ernest Lennard RIP
JUNE 8 TH	10.30AM	Thanksgiving (J Mc C)

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 Rinvulcri, Mario Rinvulcri, 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 Agatha Okopie, Simon mac Lachlan, Cordelia Megbele. **AS WELL AS THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AROUND THIS TIME, INCLUDING** Mike Trim, Stephanie Wilson, Janet McKay, James Hunt, Princess Andrew, Harriet Demomme, T. Dobbryn, Celia Quinn, Doris Pelling, Alfred Bushell, Joan Kelly, Alex Goodwin, Martyn Potts, John Robinson, Sheilagh Doyle and Ann Webb **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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Full parish news: <https://www.whitefriarsfaversham.org/latest-news.html>

QUIET PRAYER takes place on Tuesday evening from 7.00pm for about 40 minutes. All are welcome to join us.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place on Friday morning after mass for about 30 minutes.

JUBILEE OF HOPE – AYLESFORD The Archbishop welcomes everyone to Aylesford Priory on Saturday next from 10.00am for a day of prayer and reflection on themes of hope. Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm. This means that there will be no morning Mass on Saturday.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meets next on Thursday 5th at 7.00pm in Carmel Hall. If you have any items for discussion, please let us know by email or in writing before Wednesday evening. Thank you.

STELLA MARIS (FORMERLY CALLED APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 12/13 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarisemail.org or call 07887 893 763.

WALK THE AUGUSTINE CAMINO FOR MARY'S MEALS Monday 1st September – Sunday 8th September 2025 - Join us for the whole pilgrimage or walk with us for a day. During this Jubilee Year we would be delighted if you joined us as Pilgrims of Hope on some or all of the Augustine Camino, starting at Rochester Cathedral, finishing at the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. The pilgrimage will take us to four of the designated Jubilee churches and shrines in Southwark Archdiocese:

- **The Friars, Aylesford**
- **St Jude's Shrine, Faversham**
- **St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury**
- **St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate**

To book your place on the pilgrimage, or to ask any questions about it, please contact Roy Peachey, the Mary's Meals Supporter Engagement Officer for Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South London, on roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk or 07593 447297.

GOSPEL REFLECTION On Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus; on Sunday next (8th June) we will celebrate Pentecost. In the meantime, we listen to the words of Jesus to his disciples at the last supper, words of invitation and a message of peace. Indeed, this weekend it is the prayer of Jesus to his Father for us - those who believe and those who will come to believe through our witness. Jesus prays to the Father, "That the world may believe..." And he chooses to reach others through us— through you, through me. Not with noise, not with big gestures, but through lives that shine with kindness, sincerity, and love. We evangelise through the small things: being honest, helping someone who is tired, and forgiving those who wrong us, choosing the generous option. That is how the Gospel is preached today: by a life that reflects love. And Jesus also prayed for unity. Unity in families, in communities, in the Church. How many hearts are broken by gossip, how many communities weakened by distrust and unknowing. At Mass on the Feast of the Ascension we heard in the Gospel that "rose from the dead that repentance for the forgiveness of sin should be preached to the whole world". Jesus did not give up on His apostles—he walked patiently with each of them. Let us do the same. In a world full of noise, be someone who listens. In a Church full of frailty, be someone who unites. And finally, remember that he is with us: "that I may be in them," Jesus says. He wants to live in us and he finished his ministry as it has always been: the invitation to "Follow me". Whatever is going on in our lives, let us remember: there is a God who walks with you. And never forget: the world will believe not because we are perfect, but because we love, we love just as Jesus has loved us. So walk forward with joy, with courage, and with love.

You can find Sunday's scripture readings here: www.universalis.com/20250601/mass.htm

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Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Psalm response: The LORD is king, most high above all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.