

4TH & 5TH APRIL 2026

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
EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A



PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK
MORNING PRAYER 9.00AM MONDAY – FRIDAY. 9.40AM SATURDAY

HOLY SATURDAY 4TH	8.00PM	The Easter Vigil – People of the Parish
EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5TH	9.00AM	Easter Mass – Win Reekie RIP
	10.30AM	Easter Family Mass – Caryln Fluke - health
MONDAY 6TH	---	NO MASS THIS MORNING
TUESDAY 7TH	12NOON	Timothy & Mary Harrington RIP
WEDNESDAY 8TH	9.15AM	Kit Tam RIP
THURSDAY 9TH	9.15AM	Danielle Lai RIP
FRIDAY 10TH	9.15AM	Harry Gibson RIP
SATURDAY 11TH	10.00AM	Harrington family & friends RIP
	5.00PM	Confessions
	6.00PM	Deceased Fitzpatrick family
SUNDAY APRIL 12TH	9.00AM	People of the Parish
	10.30AM	Gerald Byrne RIP

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Baby Sienna Bentley, Carolyn Flukes, Sandy Ward, Mary Johnstone, Frances Lennard, James Kelly, Jill, Sheelagh Campbell, Barry Anderson, James Roche, Jim Maher, Ellen Farren, Kathy Hammond, Dillon, Zita Devis, Veronica Cole, Sean Blake, Paul Durkin, Jessie Duckworth, Tom Turner, Janet Daly, Louise Marshallsay, Peter Greene, Patrick Mongan, Jerry McDonagh, Martin Hayes, Betty Bushell, Nell Goodwin, Ann Rake, Sammy, Wendy Coley, Bob Costa, Ted Davis, Ian Davison, Lucas Harmsworth, Barnaby Marchant, Gail O'Connor, Joan O'Sullivan, Julian Philips, Lola Rinvoluceri, Ginny & Richard Woodroofe 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 Adam Newman, Millie Castelino, David Sutcliff, Brian White, John Barnes. **AS WELL AS THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AROUND THIS TIME, INCLUDING** Fr John O'Toole, Gertie White, John Bushell, 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 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, PAUL DE GROOT AND PAT O'KEEFFE

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- Carmelites: www.carmelite.org
- Full parish news: <https://www.whitefriarsfaversham.org/latest-news.html>

MILLIE CASTELINO RIP. Millie's funeral Mass will be at 11.30am on Monday 20th April followed by burial in Faversham Cemetery with her husband Bill. May she rest in peace.

THANK YOU to all who celebrated the Easter Triduum with us this week, regulars and visitors alike. To see a full church at each part of the Triduum service shows a community of faith making real their discipleship. As we reflected on at the Thursday celebration of the Lord's Supper, that faith is made real in our commitment to service of God's people. A big thank you too to all who contributed in different ways – musicians and singers, readers, church cleaners and decorators as well as our ever growing team of servers. Let us celebrate the 50 days of Easter as well as we celebrated the 40 days of Lent and truly be an Easter people.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER. As always after Easter members of the Carmelite Family gather in Aylesford. This year we celebrate our Provincial Chapter when we discern our mission and ministries for the next number of years, and will be joined by Desiderio García Martínez, O.Carm., Prior General. Our meeting takes place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th April which means there will be no Masses in the church that week. We will of course keep you in our prayers while we are away.

TUESDAY PRAYER will resume after Easter with Quiet Prayer on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the second Tuesday. This will begin on Tuesday 21st with quiet prayer from 7.00pm.

You can find Sunday's scripture readings here: www.universalis.com/20260405/mass.htm

Sign-up for the parish news email: www.whitefriarsfaversham.org

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.

EASTER REFLECTION: 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 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. 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 his brothers that he is risen."

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!"