

16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
FAVERSHAM AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES



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WHITEFRIARS, 35 TANNERS STREET, FAVERSHAM ME13 7JW  
OUR CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY DAY FROM 8AM – 6.30PM  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**



**PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

MORNING PRAYER 9AM MONDAY – FRIDAY, 9.40AM SATURDAY

EVENING PRAYER 6.00PM MONDAY – FRIDAY

<b>SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Gillian Watson RIP</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS EACH WEEK</b>
	<b>5.00PM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	<b>6.00PM</b>	<b>Jessica Tam – special intention</b>	
<b>SUNDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>Gwendoline Lane RIP</b>	
<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>10.30AM</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
<b>MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	----	<b>No Mass today</b>	
	<b>2.00PM</b>	<b>Scripture Reflection</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>12 NOON</b>	<b>Helen Frances Keavney RIP</b>	
	<b>7.00PM</b>	<b>Quiet Prayer</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9.15AM</b>	<b>Kaz Pioro</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>9.15AM</b>	<b>Mary Sheehan RIP</b>	
<b>FRIDAY MAY 22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>9.15AM</b>	<b>Jessica Tam's intentions</b>	
<b>SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Tyler Doughty's intentions</b>	
	<b>5.00PM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	<b>6.00PM</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
<b>SUNDAY MAY 24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>Joe Wright RIP – birthday remembrance</b>	
<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.30AM</b>	<b>Ann Marie Vimpany RIP</b>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Baby Sienna Bentley, Deirdre Lambe, 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 David Fox, O.Carm., Dominic Morgan, Gerry O'Donnell, Simon Waters, Ann Marie Vimpany. **AS WELL AS THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AROUND THIS TIME, INCLUDING** Margaret Nichols, Bob Robinson, Dermot Sheerin, Val & John Clarke Peter Hunter, Winifred Morrison, Lydia Kane, Ken Scarlett, Michael Keavney, Jesusa Bright, Joan Gibbs and Margaret Allies. **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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Full parish news: <https://www.whitefriarsfaversham.org/latest-news.html>

**DAVID FOX, O.CARM., RIP** We continue to pray for Fr David Fox, O.Carm. David was 87 years old, having been professed as a Carmelite in 1978. Until his recent illness, he lived in Aylesford as part of the community there. Among many other ministries, David was chaplain to the Shrine of St Jude and known to many here in Faversham. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**QUIET PRAYER** on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm. All are welcome to join us for about 40 minutes of quiet prayer in the side chapel.

**ROOM TO RENT WANTED:** A professional woman is looking for a room to rent near to Faversham GP practice. Please phone 07502200802 Thank you.

**PARISH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS** Our parish will celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Lots of events are being planned and as always depends on your help if it is going to happen. Last weekend an appeal was made at each Mass, detailing how you can get involved. If you missed it, and would like to be involved, please see the posters at the back of the church. Many thanks.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** will begin in the autumn. Parents of children aged 8 and above are invited to pick up an application form and there will be an initial meeting in September.

**ROSARY FOR LIFE** As we are in the month of May, dedicated to our Blessed Lady, Archbishop John is writing to invite you to join him in praying the **Rosary for Life**. The Rosary for Life is prayed through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. Details are at [rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife)

**AGE CONCERN:** Following the recent reorganization, Age Concern will continue in Faversham in the same venue, the Old Fire Station, with the same overall services. They will now be called Age Concern Gillingham and will serve Faversham, Sittingbourne, Medway and Gravesend. The support and advice services will be with Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). Call Age Concern on 01795 532766.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION** In this Sunday's Gospel, we overhear a profoundly intimate conversation between Jesus and the Father, often called the "High Priestly Prayer." As Jesus prepares for His Passion, He completely redefines our understanding of **glory**. In the eyes of the world, glory is found in status and power, but for Christ, it is revealed in the total gift of Himself on the Cross. This sacrifice is the key to "eternal life," which Jesus describes not as a distant reward to wait for, but as a deep, personal intimacy with God that begins right now. To truly know the Father and the Son is to step into a life that already belongs to eternity.

Jesus also turns His gaze toward us, acknowledging that while He is returning to the Father, His disciples must remain "in the world." He makes the striking claim that He is "glorified in them," meaning that we—the Church—are now the living evidence of His presence on earth. We are called to be the tangible manifestation of God's love in our daily lives, carrying His word and reflecting His unity to those around us. This prayer serves as a beautiful reminder that we are never alone; we are held in a love that bridges the gap between heaven and earth.

You can find Sunday's scripture readings here: [www.universalis.com/20260517/mass.htm](http://www.universalis.com/20260517/mass.htm)

Sign-up for the parish news email: [www.whitefriarsfaversham.org](http://www.whitefriarsfaversham.org)

**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:** I believe I shall see the LORD'S goodness in the land of the living.

**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.