

Served by the
Carmelite
Friars

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We extend a warm welcome to visitors and new parishioners

MARCH DIARY DATES

4	No <i>Common Ground</i> at Teynham this Sunday
6	7.00 pm Prayer for all Christians - Church
7	6.00 pm Bereavement Support Group Carmel Hall, Faversham
8	1.30 pm Thanksgiving Service for Liz Neame, St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Boughton
9	12-2.00 pm Lent Lunch Baptist Church Hall 7-7.45 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross, Confession
10	Mass at 10.00 am not 9.30am Carmelite Spirituality Group 11.00 am Eucharist & Christian Community Deanery Event at Herne Bay
11	Mothering Sunday

Mass Intentions for the week: 3-10 Mar

Sat	3	6.00 pm	Special intention—Exams
Sun	4	8.00 am	Sybil Jackman—RIP
		9.15 am	Parish
		10.30 am	Special Intention
		6.00 pm	Geraldine Paine—intentions
Mon	5	9.30 am	Kumaravelu family
Tue	6	9.30 am	Rita Fernandes, RIP
Wed	7	9.30 am	Kitty Geisler, RIP
Thurs	8	9.30 am	Special intentions
Fri	9	9.30 am	Special intentions
Sat	10	10.00 am	Special intentions

2nd Collection: CAFOD

Weekly Collections

25 Feb 2018 : £ 885.40(incls GA: £540.30)
CAFOD : £695.67

GIFT AID We invite all tax-paying parishioners who have not done so already to consider joining the scheme. Please contact Linda at Whitefriars.

Please remember our church in your will.

Thank you all for your support

Parish Survey and Consultation

Thank you to all parishioners who returned their completed survey sheets. We received 180 completed returns. Those who have not been able so far are still invited to return theirs at their earliest convenience. Hopefully, a summary report will be produced later.

Rationalising the number of Masses

The vast majority of respondents were very understanding, helpful and generous in their replies in the section on reducing the number of Masses.

Sometimes, parishioners who attend different Masses do not know others who participate at a different time. We need to find ways to increase the sense of parish cohesion and community. Often, at three of our Sunday Masses the church capacity is no more than 30%. Further, the time has actually come when the parish has only one full-time active priest. Some parishioners may be aware that Canon (Church) Law permits a priest to preside at no more than three Sunday Masses, and only "if pastoral need requires it" (Can.905). There is no substantial pastoral need to have five Masses for 250 people. While it is good to have visiting priests at various times, finding an available "supply priest" is more challenging; and this latter does have an effect on parish finances.

At different times in the past, the topic of reducing the number of Sunday Masses has been considered. It has been discussed formally by the current Parish Council and was given a good airing at the Parish AGM on 9th June 2017. After consultation with our Area Bishop and with your invaluable help and cooperation in the Parish Survey and Consultation, the time seems now right to make a decision.

From Sunday, 8th April 2018

Sunday Masses will be:

Saturday 6.00 pm Faversham
Sunday 9.00 am Teynham
Sunday 10.30 am Faversham

I know that parishioners will appreciate that this decision has not been taken lightly. I am also conscious that for some the change may be challenging. But, as always, together we rely on good will, understanding and generosity. I ask you to continue praying and working for the good of the parish and the people we seek to serve as Church.

Brendan Grady, O.Carm.
Parish Priest

New Parishioners: please complete one of the Parish Registration Cards at the back of the church

No Common Ground this Sunday

Because of the recent weather conditions, there will be no *Common Ground* Gathering this Sunday in Teynham. Our next one will be on Sunday, 6th May.

CAFOD 2nd Collection

Thank you for the wonderful response to the Family Fast Day Appeal for CAFOD last weekend. The 2nd Collection this weekend will again be for CAFOD.

TUESDAY PRAYER FOR ALL CHRISTIANS

7.00 - 8.00 pm

Each Tuesday during March we will have an hour of prayer in the church together with Christians of all denominations. We invite parishioners to come and join us for this opportunity to be united in prayer with other Christians from Faversham & surrounding villages.

This week's theme: *Who is Christ for me?*

Our Deanery & The Eucharist

We strongly encourage parishioners to join us for a Deanery series of reflections on the Eucharist. The first is on **Saturday, 10th March**. All are welcome. For more information, please see the noticeboard. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and reflect with members of other Catholic parishes in the area.

Canterbury Deanery

Exploring
The Eucharist

An opportunity for the parishes of Canterbury Deanery to gather and grow in our appreciation of the Eucharist in our lives as Christian disciples.



Saturday
10th March 2018
HERNE BAY
Retreat Hall, Clarence Road, CT6 8TH
11.00 am - 2.00 pm

**EUCCHARIST AND
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**
Disciples of Jesus - many gifts, one body



FR. MARK WHITE, C.P.
Parish Priest & Rector, Herne Bay



Need the SVP? Contact: 07563 702033

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick and housebound members of our parish: Audrey Bampton, Aida Berens, Shelagh Bradley, Millie Costellino, Freda Costa, Thyra Coulson, Charles De Havilland, Fred Darling, Carol Gostling, Jeanne Harvey, Leo Kane, James Kilcoyne, Ruth Mackay, Barnaby Marchant, Joan O'Sullivan, Julian Philips, Brian Taylor, Elizabeth Toolan, Fr Richard and Fr Wilfrid.

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died recently, Denis Lloyd, Liz Neame and Sally Reed and those whose anniversaries are about this time including: Fr Bonaventure Fitzgerald, O. Carm., Nigel Hart, Monica Kesson, Susan Boodle, Ted Chapman, John Dobbyn, Hilda Thornes, Teresa Considine, William Allenspack & Kenneth Pender.

May they and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our Parish is served by a Carmelite Community of Friars



- Life after Loss -

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Carmel Hall, Faversham

1st Wednesdays 6-7pm

beginning 7th March

Greenstreet Church, Teynham

2nd & 4th Mondays 2-3 pm

Catholic Social Teaching

An interactive presentation will be given by Kathleen O'Brien from CAFOD at 7.30 pm on Friday, **16th March** at The Vocation Sisters, 2 Manor Rd., Whitstable. Come and find out more about the reasons Catholics care practically for our neighbours and our environment.

Denis Lloyd, RIP

We offer our condolences and the pledge of our prayers to Jane Deeson, an active member of our parish, whose father Denis died peacefully on 2nd March. Jane was very dedicated and attentive to her father during his illness. He will be greatly missed by her and her family.

Sally Reed, RIP

Please remember in your prayer Sally who died on Wednesday, 21st February. We offer the pledge of our prayers to her mother, Angela Band, who is a valued member of our parish community.

Liz Neame, RIP

There will be a Thanksgiving Service for Liz at St. Peter & St. Paul Church, South Street, Boughton at 1.30 pm on **Thursday 8th March**. All are welcome.

Lilies for Easter

Lilies will once again be placed in the church to remember deceased loved ones. The lilies cost £3.00 each and can be purchased by putting the money and names of your deceased loved ones in an envelope and dropping it through the door of Whitefriars. Names will be taken until Saturday 17th March to enable the flower arrangers to purchase the lilies in time to decorate the church for Easter.

OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

TUESDAY PRAYER FOR ALL CHRISTIANS

7.00 - 8.00 pm in the Church

FRIDAY LENTEN LUNCHES

Every Friday at the Baptist church hall 12-2.00 pm.

EXPOSITION, STATIONS & CONFESSION

Friday 7.00-7.45 pm in the Church