

18 March 2018

Served by the Carmelite Friars

Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Faversham with Teynham

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We extend a warm welcome to visitors and new parishioners

MARCH DIARY DATES

19	7.30 pm Parish Council meeting, Whitefriars
20	7.00 pm Prayer for all Christians (Church)
23	12-2.00 pm Lent Lunch Baptist Church Hall 7-7.45 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross, Confession
25	Palm Sunday 9.30 am Confirmation Group
26	2 pm Bereavement Support Group Teynham
29	Maundy Thursday 8.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
30	Good Friday 10.30 Walk of Witness 3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Faversham only)
31	8.00 pm Easter Vigil & Mass of Resurrection
April	Easter Sunday Masses: 8 am, 9.15 am (Teynham), 10.30 am and 6 pm.

Rationalising the number of Masses

As announced on 4th March, please note

From Sunday, 8th April 2018

Sunday Masses will be:

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

Mass Intentions for the week: 17-24 Mar

Sat	17	6.00 pm	Special intentions
Sun	18	8.00 am	Special intentions
		9.15 am	Parish
		10.30 am	Peter, Annie, Kate & Brigid, RIP
		6.00 pm	Francisco Caskino, RIP
Mon	19	9.30 am	Father's Mass (St Jude)
Tue	20	9.30 am	Pat Burton's birthday
Wed	21	9.30 am	Guild of St Jude
Thurs	22	9.30 am	Brigid Ewer, RIP
Fri	23	9.30 am	Special intentions (Mathur family)
Sat	24	9.30 am	Special intentions

HOLY WEEK

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week. We will have the distribution of palms at each of the Masses. Please make a good effort to join us for the most significant celebrations of the Christian year, the Sacred Triduum beginning on Maundy Thursday and culminating in the first celebration of the Resurrection at the end of the Easter Vigil. A separate leaflet will be available next weekend with more details. The times of Services can be found in the Diary Dates.

Remembering our dead - Lilies for Easter

Lilies will once again be placed in the church to remember our 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 Wednesday, **21st March** to enable the flower arrangers to purchase the lilies in time to decorate the church for Easter.

FACE

FACE will be starting their gardening season over the coming weeks, helping the elderly and disabled who are financially challenged to keep their gardens in a manageable condition. They are still searching for a permanent office space, but in the meantime are in the library every Tuesday morning if anybody would like to know more about the services they offer or volunteer. Please do drop in and see them. They can be contacted on 01795 591175 or 074831500330 or email at favassistants@btconnect.com. FACE would like to thank everyone at Our Lady of Mount Carmel for your continued support, especially over the past months while they have been without an office.

The Second Collection this weekend will be for FACE.

Need the SVP? Contact: 07563 702033

2nd Collection: FACE

Weekly Collections

11 Mar 2018 : £764.50 (incls GA: £454.50)

Parish Maintenance : £335.81

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

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

Gift Aid - New Boxes

Thank you to those parishioners who are part of our Gift Aid scheme who allow us to claim tax back on their donations. This extra income allows us to carry out essential maintenance. Replacement Gift Aid boxes for the next tax year will be **available this weekend** for those who are part of this scheme. Please do collect yours as soon as possible from the Sacristy.

If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme, please contact Linda at Whitefriars.

One word of caution: if you are one of our Gift Aiders, please ensure that your tax situation has not changed and that you still pay sufficient tax for us to claim against your donation. If you are not sure, please contact Linda.

TUESDAY PRAYER FOR ALL CHRISTIANS

7.00 - 8.00 pm

Each Tuesday during March we are having an hour of prayer in the church together with Christians of all denominations. Thank you to parishioners who joined us last Tuesday. All parishioners are invited to come and join us this coming Tuesday.

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. Sally's funeral will be at St. Catherine's Church at 12 noon on **22nd March**.

Denis Lloyd, RIP

We offer our condolences and the pledge of our prayers to Jane Deeson, whose father Denis died peacefully on 2nd March. His Funeral Service will be on **23rd March**.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

Our annual ecumenical gathering on Good Friday will begin outside the United Church in Preston Street at 10.30 am on Friday, **30th March**. We will process as united Christians to the Market Square for a brief Service of Prayer at 10.45 am. Refreshments will be available in the United Church from 10.00 am. Volunteers are need to help as Marshals. If you are willing to help, please contact Linda at Whitefriars asap.

Our Deanery and the Eucharist

Thank you to those parishioners who came to Herne Bay for the first in the series of reflection in our Deanery on this central aspect of our Catholic Christian living. The next reflection will be here in Faversham in the St. Jude Welcome Centre 11 am - 2.00 pm on Saturday, **5th May**. Our theme is *Eucharist and the Scriptures*. The speaker will be Fr. Kevin Alban, O.Carm. (Prior Provincial of the Carmelites). Please put the date in your diary now.

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, Alan Shearer, Sally Reed, Denis Lloyd and those whose anniversaries are about this time including: Stanley Hope, Lil Jackson, Frederick Hensher, Joan Freed, Patrick Ronayne, Tom Lloyd, Celesti Nascinti and Helen Taylor.

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



- Life after Loss -

BEREAVEMENT

SUPPORT GROUP

Carmel Hall, Faversham

1st Wednesdays 6.30–7.30pm

Greenstreet Church, Teynham

2nd & 4th Mondays 2-3 pm

Celebrating Marriage Anniversaries

There will be a Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony at St George's Cathedral on **16th June 2018**. If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary this year, please give your names as soon as possible to Linda at Whitefriars. She will give you a form so that you can receive an invitation from Archbishop Peter.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Thank you for your contribution in last week's Second Collection for the ongoing needs of keeping the fabric of the church intact. During the final quarter of last year we had a number of essential inspections of the property, including the Quinquennial Inspection. This has confirmed a number of significant areas where major work will need to be done. During the final period of last year we were able to bring up to compliant safety levels our electrical and gas installations, and we had a full asbestos survey which indicated that we are compliant with Health & Safety requirements. This month we were able to complete essential work in the back of the "old boiler room". We needed to introduce a fire retardant ceiling under the Sacristy, and this alone cost £2,000. You may have seen that there are some new signs for Fire Exits and warnings of uneven surfaces in the Car Park. This month we had a Health & Safety Inspection, and they were impressed with the progress we are making. Three major tasks will be commissioned soon. Prayers please!

OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

TUESDAY PRAYER FOR ALL CHRISTIANS

7.00 - 8.00 pm in the Church

FRIDAY LENTEN LUNCHESES

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

EXPOSITION, STATIONS & CONFESSION

Friday 7.00-7.45 pm in the Church

Our Parish is served by a Carmelite Community of Friars