

2nd December 2018

Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Faversham with Teynham

Served by the
Carmelite
Friars

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We extend a warm welcome to visitors and new parishioners

DIARY DATES

Dec 2	First Sunday of Advent 3.00 pm <i>Common Ground</i> - Teynham
Dec 4	10.30 am RCIA
Dec 5	12 Noon Requiem for Gene Regan, RIP
Dec 7	6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Exposition
Dec 8	9.00 am Hope Prayer - Gospel Mission
Dec 22	Carols in the Market Place



Need the SVP? Phone: 07563 702033

Mass Intentions for the week

Sat	01	6.00 pm	Naomi Francis—employment
Sun	02	9.00 am	Parish
		10.30 am	Gene Regan, RIP
Mon	03	9.30 am	Hazel & Peter—Ints
Tue	04	9.30 am	Pauline & Tom—ints
Wed	05	12.00 am	Gene Regan, RIP
Thurs	06	9.30 am	Rebecca & family
Fri	07	9.30 am	Matilda & Herbert
Sat	08	9.30 am	Special intentions

USUAL WEEKLY LITURGY

See Diary Dates for any changes

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday:	9.00 am (Teynham) 10.30 am
Weekday Mass:	9.30 am (check Diary Dates)
Holy Days:	9.30 am & 7.00 pm
Confession:	At call
Morning Prayer:	Monday - Saturday 9.10 am
Exposition:	Tuesday 10.15 - 11.15 am

Gene Regan, RIP

It was with sadness, but trusting in the love of a welcoming God, that we heard of the death on 17th November of Gene Regan. Gene was a quiet but life-giving presence in our parish community. A founding member of the local SVP Conference, Gene was able to integrate a life of fidelity to the Gospel, prayer and a very practical concern for those in need. She will be greatly missed. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her devoted husband, John, and their children. Gene's funeral will be at 12 Noon here in the parish on Wednesday, **5th December**. All are welcome.

Archbishop's Request for Exposition

In his Advent Pastoral Letter (included with this newsletter) Archbishop Peter has asked each parish to have a period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Fridays of Advent. Our hour will begin at 6.00 pm **each Friday of Advent** with Evening Prayer of the Church in Whitefriars.

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all who helped in so many ways to create a memorable Parish Christmas Bazaar. As well as helping to generate funds for the ordinary running costs of the parish, this has always proven to be a good social event with so many helping and participating, before, on the day and, of course, through the annual Christmas Grand Draw. The parish raised **£3,151.84** before expenses. You will remember that a small percentage of the money generated on the day at the actual Bazaar will be donated to the Umbrella Centre. All Grand Draw prize winners have been contacted.

Second Collection: Teynham

Four times a year we have a collection to help with our annual contribution for our use of Greenstreet Methodist Chapel, Teynham. Thank you for your generosity. If you are already a Gift Aider, you may put your contribution into an envelope and write your Gift Aid number on it.

2nd Collection: Teynham Chapel Offering

Weekly Collections

25 November 2018 : £601.34 (incls GA: £349.65)
Catholic Youth Service : £269.45

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

Take some time to reflect this Advent

Advent is a very special season of the year – and yet it can sometimes pass us by, because we're so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, our diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. These have been very well received, so we would like to make more people aware of them. To sign up, please visit www.southwarkdsc.org.uk

Advent Posada

Following the last two years' success, we invite families who wish to participate in our Posada Journey during Advent to contact Ruth Hawkins at hawkins@perrycourt.net or let Linda know during the week. We begin this Sunday.

Exploring our Catholic Christian Faith

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process leading to reception into the Catholic Church. Our parish programme has already begun. If you have recently returned to Church, you also may benefit from our (usually) weekly gatherings in Whitefriars on Tuesdays at 10.30 am. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **4th December**. For more information, have a chat with Marie Mann or Fr. Brendan.

Prayer for All Christians

December's weekly hour of prayer is at 9.00 am on **Saturdays** at the Gospel Mission, Tanners Street, led by the Faversham Community Church. Please do come - even for a while - and support this initiative praying for all people in our area.

New Dover Memorial to Migrant Deaths

You are invited to the inauguration of the memorial to the over 200 people who have died in their attempts to seek sanctuary here. This will be led by the Bishop of Dover, Right Rev. Trevor Willmott, and will start at 3.00pm on Saturday **15 December**.

The memorial plaque is situated on the promenade, a short distance from the Premier Inn, walking towards the Ferry Terminal. Please reply to migrantsupport@aol.com with your name and phone number. Contact 07887 651117 for further information.

Carols in the Market Place

This annual event in the centre of Faversham, organised by Churches Together, is always a good opportunity for Christians of all churches and none to gather, sing, pray and bear witness to our common faith in the God who becomes one with us in the Nativity of Jesus. It is at 7.00 pm on Saturday, **22nd December**. Join us!

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick and housebound members of our parish: Audrey Bampton, Shelagh Bradley, Millie Castelino, Freda & Bob Costa, Thyra Coulson, Fred Darling, Baby Olivia Durkin, Carol Gostling, Rob Harris, Jeanne Harvey, Mary Henderson, Leo Kane, James Kilcoyne, Ruth Mackay, Barnaby Marchant, Ronald McIntosh, Gail O'Connor, Joan O'Sullivan, Julian Philips, Brian Taylor, Elizabeth Toolan, Daphne & Laurie Tucker, Karen Woodcock, Benjamin Yap and Fr. Wilfrid.

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died recently, especially Gene Regan and William Barnes, and those whose anniversaries are about this time including: Simon Webb, Marian Smith and Francis Feeney

May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

We need two marshals from each church to help. If you are able and willing, please contact Linda at the Parish Office.

PREPARING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We invite children (aged 7 years or older by **June 8th** 2019), to join our First Communion Programme, which will begin on Sunday, **6th January** 2019 at 9.30 am in Carmel Hall. Parents, please pick up and complete an enrolment form from the Parish Office.

Celebrating our Centenarians!

Next year, we have the pleasure of two parishioners (that we are aware of) who will celebrate their 100th Birthday. The first of these, Bill Castelino, has his birthday soon after the Epiphany.

If anyone would like to join the celebration for Bill after 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, **13th January** (all are welcome), please would you either email or text Bill's son, Mark (markcastelino@aol.com/07789 848207), so that he can work out numbers.

Bill has asked for no presents, but additional contributions and donations towards the ongoing works at the church will be much appreciated.

Greeting Cards

We thank Zita Devis whose Christmas Cards raised £100 for the Parish Restoration and Repair Appeal.

Following a fundraising proposal by Mo Palios, we have available a selection of good quality Greeting Cards, featuring the murals of Edward Ardizzone and the stained glass windows of Richard Joseph King. Priced at 60p each or a mixed pack of 4 for £2.00, they are available after Masses or at call at Whitefriars. Some are Christmas Cards but most are blank inside for your own message, but may also be suitable for you to use as Christmas Cards. Please do support this initiative to raise funds for the Parish Appeal.

Volunteers for the Tea/Coffee Rota

The rota involves helping once every 6 weeks. PLEASE if you are able to help with this very enjoyable (and far from onerous) dimension of building up our parish community, speak to Chris Begg or Una McCabe after 10.30 am Mass or to Linda in the parish office.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Sue and Terry Mahoney are coordinating our Social Fundraising ideas and initiatives. If you have an idea or are organising a fundraiser, please contact them at

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