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Carmelite
Friars

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We extend a warm welcome to visitors and new parishioners

DIARY DATES

Dec 14	6.00 pm Exposition Bl. Sacrament & Prayer
Dec 15	9.00 am Hope Prayer - Gospel Mission
Dec 22	Carols in the Market Place
Jan 6	9.30 am 1st Communion Programme begins 3.00 pm <i>Common Ground</i> - Teynham

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE: MON 24TH DECEMBER

5.00 pm Children's *Crib Service* and Mass

11.30 pm Carol Service *leading to*
Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY: TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER

Mass at 9.00 (Teynham) & 10.30 am

26th December - 5th January

Weekday Mass at 10.00 am (not 9.30 am)

Mass Intentions for the week

Sat	08	6.00 pm	Aida Berens, RIP (birthday)
Sun	09	9.00 am	Parish
		10.30 am	Daniel Sullivan, RIP
Mon	10	9.30 am	Iris- intentions
Tue	11	9.30 am	Trevor & family-intentions
Wed	12	9.30 am	<u>Word-Communion Service</u>
Thurs	13	9.30 am	<u>Word-Communion Service</u>
Fri	14	9.30 am	Michael & family—intentions
Sat	15	9.30 am	Parish

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 (<i>check Diary Dates</i>)
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

Demolition unveils more challenges!

Work in the church has now begun in earnest. Parishioners entering Whitefriars will have noticed signs indicating that the church is now a construction site! Internally it has become something of a shell, as all areas affected by decades of wear and tear have been stripped back. It has been a messy, dusty business for the builders who have been spotted with protective clothing and masks going back and forth to skips. The pigeons have been encouraged to find a new home; thankfully their residual mess was not as we had feared. The work is going well but, during the "demolition" stage, we discovered that electrical wiring had not been routed in the way we expected. This will lead to further necessary electrical re-wiring before the installation of the new LED lighting. An area of damp on the internal of the road-facing wall of the church has been exposed, which has over the years caused the lime render to be severely cracked and blown, so this will need to be rectified. There are some cracks near the top of the gable-end of the church, which also need urgent repair. Although not extensive and not a major concern, there is evidence of some rot and woodworm in a few of the rafters. As well as treating the affected areas, all of the rafters etc. will be treated as a precaution and for future -proofing. Despite the apparent essential soundness of the building, a structural engineer will be on site to advise and confirm the proposed course of action. Stage Two of the current phase involves the installation of insulation boards throughout the internal of the roof, followed by plaster boards in preparation for plastering and painting. As predicted at our Appeal Launch presentation, costs have already increased. We will present to the parish an updated target for our Appeal at the beginning of the New Year. In the meantime, we thank you again for your incredible generosity and patience as we try to prepare the buildings for the future. Please spare a prayer for those who live and work here.

2nd Collection: Parish Appeal Fund

Weekly Collections

02 December 2018 : £673.29 (incl GA: £454.30)
Teynham : £291.94

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

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 soon.

Take some time to reflect this Advent

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. 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.

Archbishop's Request for Exposition

In his Advent Pastoral Letter Archbishop Peter 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.

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.



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: Elizabeth Leonard, Anne Bernini, Maria Cramphorn, Jack Oldfield, Ronald Hopgood and Joyce Flanagan.

May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Our Parish is served by a Community of Carmelite Friars

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!

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

Need the SVP?

Phone: 07563 702033

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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