

Served by the
Carmelite
Friars

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We extend a warm welcome to visitors and new parishioners

DIARY DATES

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| Dec 21 | 6.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament |
| Dec 22 | 9.00 am Hope Prayer - Gospel Mission 7.00 pm 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

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| Sat | 15 | 6.00 pm | Francisco Casino, RIP (birthday) |
| Sun | 16 | 9.00 am | Georgina Parker (birthday) |
| | | 10.30 am | Carmelite vocations |
| Mon | 17 | 9.30 am | Patrick Gallagher (RIP) & Pauline Todd (RIP) |
| Tue | 18 | 9.30 am | John & family, intentions |
| Wed | 19 | 9.30 am | Ruth, intentions |
| Thurs | 20 | 9.30 am | Ashley & family, intentions |
| Fri | 21 | 9.30 am | Paul, intentions |
| Sat | 22 | 9.30 am | Angeles Binondo, RIP (birthday) |

USUAL WEEKLY LITURGY

See Diary Dates for any changes

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| 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 |

Brief Update on our Church Works

As you know, we had hoped (perhaps too ambitiously) that we might be able to be back in the church for Christmas. It has become increasingly clear that this was an unrealistic expectation.

Christmas Masses in Faversham will therefore be in the Welcome Centre. Please note the times of Masses for Christmas, in the opposite column. We look forward to having a full attendance, not only of our regular Mass-goers, but also returning young people, visitors and friends. We are very grateful to our Music Ministry who have been having extra practices in preparation.

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.

If there are parishioners who have not already been able to contribute to our Appeal Fund by individual donations or Standing Order, we will be very pleased to hear from you! Please spare a prayer for those who live and work here.

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

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.

2nd Collection: Parish Appeal Fund

Weekly Collections

09 December 2018 : £668.49 (incl GA: £369.00)

Appeal Fund : £268.58

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 as soon as possible.

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.

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 available after Masses. Please do support this initiative to raise funds for the Parish Appeal.



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 and Fr. Wilfrid.

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died recently, especially Benjamin Yap, Gene Regan and William Barnes, and those whose anniversaries are about this time including: Albert Lines, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Genevieve Breach, Mary Litledale, Graham Stock, Sid King, Hazel Colyer, Miss Judge, Ada Richards, Nicholas Ardizzone & Julian Santus.

May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Our Parish is served by a Community of Carmelite Friars

YSVP Christmas Tag Sale

This sale after the 10.30am Mass today, will raise funds for the Parish Restoration & Repair Appeal.

Christmas Crib Service

We are looking for young musicians who would like to play a musical instrument at the Children's Crib Service at 5.00 pm on Christmas Eve. Please let Linda know as soon as possible.

Parishioner Christmas Cards

There is a post box for distribution of Christmas cards to parishioners at the back of the Welcome Centre. Please ensure that you put the surname on the envelope.

A colorful advertisement for 'THE FAVERSHAM UMBRELLA CENTRE'. It features a red and yellow umbrella at the top. The text reads: 'We are open! Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10am until 3pm Offering friendship, help and support Court Street Faversham ME13 7AT'. There is also a sun icon with the text 'VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS WELCOME'.

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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