

26 January 2020

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

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| 26 Jan | Sunday of the Word of God |
| 1 Feb | 9.00 am Weekly Prayer - Ospringe |
| 2 Feb | 3.00 pm <i>Common Ground</i> - Teynham |
| 8 Feb | 10.00 am Carmelite Spirituality Group |
| 15 Feb | 7.00 pm Valentine's Evening Poetry & Song |
| 31 May | Pentecost Faversham United Christian Event |



Mass Intentions for the week

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| Sat | 25 | 6.00 pm | Linda & family |
| Sun | 26 | 9.00 am | Peter Freed, RIP |
| | | 10.30 am | Parish |
| Mon | 27 | 9.30 am | Peter Thomsett, RIP |
| Tue | 28 | 9.30 am | Special intentions |
| Wed | 29 | 9.30 am | Special intentions |
| Thurs | 30 | 9.30 am | Douglas Wickramaratne, RIP |
| Fri | 31 | 9.30 am | Bertha Blackith, RIP |
| Sat | 01 | 9.30 am | Special intentions |

USUAL WEEKLY LITURGY

Please note any changes in Diary Dates above

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| 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 |

A Message from our Archbishop

- Sunday of the Word of God -

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Pope Francis has asked that the third Sunday of ordinary time be specially kept at the "Sunday of the Word of God" so that we might "...*appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.*"

This first celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God comes during our own 'Year of the Word' focusing on 'the God who speaks'. During this year the Lord encourages us to develop or renew a habit of prayerful reading and reflection of the Scriptures, and to being open to Him speaking to us in our daily lives.

I would like to invite you to join me in Aylesford later this year for a Diocesan celebration marking the 'God who speaks'. On Saturday **27th June** an event is being organised so that Parishes can come together for Mass and other activities focused on the Year of the Word. More details will follow, but I would like to encourage you to plan for this special day. On the day before I will be celebrating a similar day with the young people of the schools and college in the diocese.

As we listen for how the Lord is speaking to us, let pray for one another.

The Most Reverend John Wilson,
Archbishop of Southwark

Parish Focus on the Word of God

We hope we can find ways during 2020 to give renewed focus in our parish on the Word of God. If you have ideas and are willing to help to create opportunities please contact Fr. Brendan or Linda in the Parish Office.

2nd Collection: Parish Appeal

Weekly Collections

19 January 2020 : £614.93

Pax Christi : £249.65

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 the Parish in your will.

Thank you all for your support

SVP Fundraising Event

The SVP Gift and Cake stall will be held on **Sunday 9th February** after 10.30 Mass in the Carmel Hall.

This is an ideal opportunity to pass on unwanted Christmas presents. Items need to be new and unused and please check sell by date for food items. Please make your donations for SVP and leave them at Whitefriars.

Thank you for your generosity support for the work of the SVP in Faversham.

Your choir needs you!

The 10.30 am Mass music ministry is in need of singers and musicians. Please come along to our practices in church at 8-9.30pm on Wednesday evenings. All welcome. Entry via the sacristy side door (through Whitefriars gate). For more info contact Kathleen on 07961 326951 or kobrien@cafod.org.uk.

See you there! The choir

Faversham Christians Weekly Prayer

Each week Christians from different churches gather for prayer. In February it will be on **Saturdays 9.00-10.00 am** in SS Peter and Paul, Ospringe. All are welcome.

CAFOD Climate Champions

Are you 18-35 years old? Interested in campaigning/CAFOD/climate change/sustainability? Become a Climate Champion with CAFOD for the next year!

It's about doing what you can to care for our common home. Supported by CAFOD, you receive training and opportunities to attend events, and to do monthly individual and group challenges.

Previous Climate Champions have attended international residentials, camps and training workshops with campaigners from around the world. They have marched in their hometowns, in London and at UN Climate summits. They've used this experience to speak to their MPs in Parliament, constituency offices and at lobbies. And they have used the skills they learnt to organise action in schools, parishes, and communities; to write blogs and newspaper articles; and even for radio interviews!

No experience needed – just passion!

Application form and more information at cafod.org.uk/climatechampion. **Deadline 31st January.**

Need the SVP?

Tel. 07563 702033

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick and housebound members of our parish: Audrey Bampton, Shelagh Bradley, Margaret Bridgen, Millie Castelino, Wendy Coley, Bob Costa, Baby Olivia Durkin and her mum Beth Durkin, Michael Earls, Carol Gostling, Jeanne Harvey, Jackie Hitchcock, James Kilcoyne, Ruth Mackay, Barnaby Marchant, Gail O'Connor, Joan O'Sullivan, Julian Philips, Fr. Kevin St. Aubyn and Sadie Taylor.

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died recently, especially Freda Costa and those whose anniversaries are about this time including: Bill Jackson, Peter Freed, Eamon Pierce, Peter Day, Tom White, Lyndon Hogben, June Wood, Mary Moloney and Jessie Reynolds.

May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Our Parish is served by a Community of Carmelite Friars

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Fund Raising Event

A Romantic
'Valentine's Evening'

Come and share an evening of Music and Poetry on the theme of Love featuring a love story in verse - 'Disappearing Tracks' by parishioner and poet Gerry Paine

Please feel free to bring along a love poem to read either your own or by one of your favourite poets.

music by
Kathleen O'Brien and the Choir

to be held in the
THE CARMEL HALL

Saturday 15th February 2020
7 - 9.30pm

Tickets: £5 on the door (incl. wine and nibbles)
Info. and tickets from: **Gerry Paine ~ 07850122994**
email: glpaine11@yahoo.co.uk

Copies of Disappearing Tracks will be available at £10
All proceeds to the Restoration Fund

LOVE ♥ Disappearing Tracks ♥ LOVE

First Holy Communion

The next celebration of First Holy Communion will be in 2021. The date will be announced in November 2020

Sacrament of Confirmation

The reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is an important step in our children's faith journey. Normally in this parish we celebrate Confirmation every two years, dependent on the number of applicants. No date has yet been set for this year. If we have enough eligible children we will set dates for a Confirmation Programme and for the actual Confirmation itself.

We invite young people who will be aged 13 years or over by 31st May 2020 to register their interest **by 17th February 2020**. Please collect a provisional application form from Whitefriars and return it by that date.

We need more ideas for fundraisers!

Please gather and organise ideas and contact:

Sue and Terry Mahoney at
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info@photographicservices.co.uk