

15 March 2020

Served by the Carmelite Friars

Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Faversham with Teynham

Whitefriars, 35 Tanners Street, Faversham ME13 7JW
Tel. 01795 532449 faversham@rcaos.org.uk
Website : www.whitefriarsfaversham.org

We extend a warm welcome to visitors and new parishioners

DIARY DATES

16 March	7.00 pm Sharing Scripture & Prayer
19 March	There will be NO 9.30 am Mass 12 Noon Funeral of Gerard Cookson
20 March	12-2.00 Lent Lunch - Baptist Hall 7.00 pm Exposition & Stations
21 March	Hope Prayer - Gospel Mission
31 May	Pentecost Faversham United Event
10 July	7.30 pm Parish AGM
19 July	Parish Day

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The normal times when the Parish Office is staffed by Linda Durkin, our Parish Secretary, are Tuesdays 8.30 –12.00, Wednesdays-Fridays 8.30 - 13.00

Parish Email: faversham@rcaos.org.uk

Mass Intentions for the week

Sat	14	6.00 pm	Parish
Sun	15	9.00 am	Fr John Garret, RIP
		10.30 am	Anthony Nolan—Wellbeing
Mon	16	9.30 am	Carmelite vocations
Tue	17	9.30 am	Marie-Louise Felton, RIP
Wed	18	9.30 am	Nuala—work
Thurs	19	12 noon	Gerard Cookson, RIP
Fri	20	9.30 am	Carol's health & wellbeing
Sat	21	9.30 am	Father's Mass (Shrine)

USUAL WEEKLY LITURGY

Please note any changes in Diary Dates above

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

Gerard Anthony Cookson

Please pray for Gerard Cookson who died on 25th February. His Requiem will be in the church at 12 Noon on **Thursday, 19th March** followed by cremation at Barham. Please keep his siblings, Jacinta, Francis, Helen and Martin and all the family in your prayers.

Note: there will be **no 9.30 am Mass on Thursday.**

Archbishop Peter Smith

Please pray for our former archbishop, Peter Smith, who died on 6th March, after a recent diagnosis of cancer just a few weeks ago.

The Reception of his body will be at 6.00 pm on Sunday, 29th March at St. George's Cathedral.

His Requiem will be at 12.30 pm on **Monday, 30th March** at St. George's Cathedral.

Easter Lilies Remembrance

For many years now, it has been our tradition during the Easter season to dedicate lilies for our departed loved ones and to record their names in our Easter Lily Register of Remembrance. We invite parishioners to make an Easter dedication. If you would like to make a dedication of £3.00, please drop the names of your loved ones in writing with your donation to Whitefriars.

Restoration and Repair Appeal Update

We renew our thanks to all parishioners and friends who have supported our Parish Appeal. We have come a very long way since we began. Our builder conducted a site visit on Friday to begin planning for the repair, replacement and decoration of various windows. We are still awaiting further quotations for some of the remaining works that need to be completed this year. We thank parishioners who gather at Teynham for the funds they have raised through the sale of marmalades and preserves. In January we reported that our then projected shortfall was £25,482. Thanks to further generous donations and fundraising, our current projected shortfall stands at approximately **£11,500.**

2nd Collection: Parish Appeal

Weekly Collections

8 March 2020 : £570.58

CAFOD : £419.28

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

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

On Monday, 9th March we moved to *Stage Two* of our efforts to respond to the coronavirus outbreak. Anyone with cold or flu symptoms should refrain from attending Mass and public events. Please follow these guidelines in general and when coming to church.

Surface sanitising

Surfaces of high contact (e.g. light switches, door handles and areas around the door) in and around the church are regularly sanitized throughout the day.

Maintain good personal hygiene

Everyone coming to church is encouraged to maintain good hygiene. Please ensure that your hands are thoroughly washed before Mass.

Sanitise your hands

Everyone should use the sanitising gel available at the entrance of the church.

Catch It - Bin It - Kill It

You will have already seen the notices in the church.

Catch it - sneeze into a tissue

Bin it – bin the tissue

Kill it – wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol hand gel. Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands. Please follow this simple advice.

Holy Water

At this time, the holy water stoop will remain empty.

Hymn Books

We will not be using hymn books but single-use hymn sheets at the 10.30 am Mass.

Reception of Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be offered only in one form (i.e. the chalice will not be offered). Also during this time, we ask those who normally receive Communion on the tongue to receive in the hand instead. Their doing this represents an act of loving charity to their community.

Carmel Hall & Catering

Until further notice, refreshments will not be served after the 9 am (Teynham) or 10.30 am Masses. Carmel Hall users have been informed that crockery (cups etc) and cutlery may not be used. This also applies to Teynham and the St Jude Welcome Centre.

Visits to the housebound

We ask Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and others who visit the sick and housebound to be especially diligent in their hand hygiene and to wash their hands thoroughly before giving Holy Communion. Members of the parish should not make pastoral visits to people who are self-isolating until the period of isolation ends. However do offer phone support.

Christopher Irvén Book Sale

The Loving Scapegoat - Stations of the Cross for Today is an illustrated series of reflections on the Way of the Cross. *Joy, Light, Sorrow and Splendour - Thoughts for our time on the Rosary* is an illustrated series of reflections on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Through the kindness and generosity of Madeleine Shepley, there will be the opportunity to buy these engaging and spiritually enriching books by her father, Christopher Irvén, after this weekend's Masses in the church. For many, they may help to deepen our personal appreciation of the tremendous love of God, especially as we journey together through Lent.

Proceeds from the sale of the books will be donated to the Parish Restoration and Repair Appeal.

Lent Lunches

Join us on **Fridays** during Lent for our Churches Together annual Lent Lunches at the Baptist Church Hall from 12.00 until 2.00 pm. We offer our renewed thanks to our own parish team who did a splendid job when it was our turn, ably coordinated by Teresa Anderson.

Sharing Scripture and Prayer

On **Mondays 7.00-7.45 pm** during Lent there will be an opportunity to gather to read short passages from the Scriptures and share together our reflection and prayer. Please join us in the church for this opportunity.

Stations of the Cross & Exposition

On **Fridays at 7.00 pm** there will be a quiet hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross. During this time there will also be an opportunity for any who wish for **Sacramental Confession**.

Parish Series on God's Word

The presentations on Jesus in the gospels of Mark and Matthew announced for April and May respectively have been postponed until later.

Faversham Christians Weekly Prayer

Each week Christians from different churches gather for prayer. In March it will be on **Saturdays 9.00-10.00 am** in the Gospel Mission in Tanners Street. All welcome.

Need the SVP? Tel. 07563 702033

We need more ideas for fundraisers!

Please gather and organise ideas and contact:

Sue and Terry Mahoney at

01795 474127 or 07768 705430

info@photographicservices.co.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick and housebound: Audrey Bampton, Angela Band, Shelagh Bradley, Margaret Bridgen, Millie Castelino, Wendy Coley, Bob Costa, Baby Olivia Durkin and her mum Beth Durkin, Michael Earls, Carol Gostling, Jeanne Harvey, Margaret Mary Heath, Jackie Hitchcock, James Kilcoyne, Ruth Mackay, Barnaby Marchant, Mike Moran, Gail O'Connor, Joan O'Sullivan, Julian Philips and Sadie Taylor. **Please also remember** in your prayers all those who have died recently, especially Gerard Cookson, Archbishop Peter Smith, Fr John Garret, Clara Roberts and Vera Robinson and those whose anniversaries are about this time including: Susan Boodle, Ted Chapman, John Dobbyn, Hilda Thornes, Teresa Considine, William Allenspack, Kenneth Pender, Mary-Josephine Walsh, John McNamara, Harold Hex, Patrick Sullivan, Edith Fielding, Jeanne Marie Land, Betty Bailey, Simon Albrecht, Tony MacNicholas, Stanley Hoke, Lil Jackson and Frederick Hensher. **May all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

Our Parish is served by a Community of Carmelite Friars