

This Sunday we pray for God's blessing on all mothers.

VIRTUAL PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is closed until further notice.
Linda, our Parish Secretary, is working from home.

Emails to the Parish Email address
will still be received and answered.

Tuesdays-Fridays 8.30 - 13.00

Parish Email:

faversham@rcaos.org.uk

We continue to have phone contact through
the usual number

Parish Phone:

01795 532449

We will keep parishioners regularly updated via our

Parish Website

www.whitefriarsfaversham.org

Mass Intentions for the week

Although there will be no public Masses,
there will be a private Mass each day.
Please unite in prayer with us from home if you can.

Sun	22	10.30 am	Parish
Mon	23	9.30 am	Brendan Grady
Tue	24	9.30 am	Special Intention
Wed	25	9.30 am	Jim Campbell, RIP
Thurs	26	9.30 am	Margaret Allies, RIP
Fri	27	9.30 am	Mike Moran, RIP
Sat	28	9.30 am	Special Intention

UNITED IN PRAYER FROM HOME

Although we cannot gather together for prayer,
please join us in our daily rhythm of prayer at home.

9.10 am	Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Weekday Mass
10.30 am	Sunday Mass
12.45 am	Midday Prayer
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer
8.00 pm	Prayer in union with Pope Francis

Extraordinary Times

Together we are facing into an extraordinary period in our world's history, which is having a major impact on every person and on every aspect of our lives. In his recent Pastoral Letter (18th March), Archbishop John Wilson says, 'It has the capacity to bring out both the best and the worst of our human nature. Working together, in the strength of God's grace, we must seek to ensure that the very best of our common humanity triumphs, especially for the health and well-being of the weakest, the poorest and the most vulnerable.'

Already, even in our own parish, we know of tremendous care, concern and compassion that is being expressed through so many. At this time, we invite those who are able to identify and be ready to offer help to those who are most in need in your own area and beyond. Please join us in praying for those who are most vulnerable and for the health, emergency and caring personnel who are doing so much in very challenging circumstances.

We already know the measures that the government have put in place, and are aware that more will be announced. By now, parishioners will also be aware of the ways in which our own public expressions of faith, prayer and worship will be affected. Responding responsibly to the government's announcements, the Catholic Bishops in this country have issued documents that have an immediate impact. You can read them on our parish website. Our Archbishop's Pastoral Letter can be found there in its entirety, and copies are available in the church.

With immediate effect and until further notice, there will be no public celebrations of Mass in our churches, and Catholics are dispensed from the Sunday Obligation. Archbishop John writes:

'For there to be no public celebrations of the Mass, either on weekdays or Sundays, will be an immeasurable loss to all who cherish their participation in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. For now, we must draw close to Christ in other ways, taking consolation from the fact that the Mass will continue to be celebrated each day... to *'advance the peace and salvation of all the world.'* (EP III) It will not, however, be possible for the faithful to attend these celebrations.'

However, our parish church and the Shrine of St. Jude will remain open when possible (normally 8.00 am - 4.00 pm) for private individual prayer. These moments will give many the inner spiritual resources to continue the journey, to pray for others and to be inspired to be of service, especially at this critical time.

We encourage all parishioners to find ways to be spiritually united with one another from home, especially by reading the scriptures of the day and pondering them reflectively and prayerfully.

'We may be more physically separated at this time, but we remain united spiritually in Christ through the Holy Spirit in a bond of faith that cannot be broken. Our prayers strengthen our relationship with Christ, our unity with Our Blessed Lady and the Communion of Saints, and our connection with each other. No one is forgotten in the prayers of the Church.'

Weekly Newsletter

We will continue to produce our weekly newsletter. Printed copies will be available in the church, but we also encourage those who have access to the internet to view it online at: www.whitefriarsfaversham.org.

Online Resources

We will also endeavour to provide online prayer helps and resources, so that we can continue to grow in our sense of being a united praying community that serves. Already on our site, you will find a link to a website that live-streams Masses and other prayers from around the country. Please remember those who do not have access to the internet and maybe print materials for them too. Bear with us as we develop things further.

Spiritual Communion & Daily Mass

Although we can no longer offer public Masses in our churches, each day there will be a Mass offered privately. This feels rather counterintuitive, especially for Carmelites, but we want parishioners to know that the love of Christ celebrated in the Eucharist remains at the heart of who we are as a Christian community. If you are able, please be united with us in prayer at home.

Mass Intentions

The Mass times and intentions are listed in the box opposite. If anyone wishes specific intentions to be prayed for, please either send them to the email address or drop a note through the door of Whitefriars.

Archbishop Peter Smith

His funeral will be on **Monday, 30th March** at St. George's Cathedral. As with all funerals at this time, this will not be open to the public. There will be a Memorial Mass for him later.

Kathleen Thompson, RIP

Please pray for Kate, who died on Wednesday, 11th March, aged 96 years. Remember also her husband, Peter and their family as they grieve her loss and say their final farewell at her funeral on **2nd April**.

Michael Moran, RIP

In your kindness when you pray, please pray for Mike who died on Friday, 13th March. He will be very much missed as a faithful parishioner, great friend to many and by his children Josephine, Deliah and Sean. Please support them with your prayer from home on the day of his Funeral, **Friday, 27th March**. We hope to have a Memorial Service for Mike when the crisis is over.

Easter Remembrance of Loved Ones

Unfortunately, we will no longer be having lilies in our church at Easter. However, each week during the Easter season we will pray each day and will celebrate a Mass each week specifically for those whose names are recorded on the Easter List of Remembrance. 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.

Praying with Pope Francis each day

Pope Francis has invited everyone throughout the world to pray the Rosary with him at 8.00 pm (our time). If you can spare 20 minutes each day or whenever you can, please do join in this universal act of solidarity in prayer.

Weekly Prayer via Zoom

Christians from different churches in and around Faversham will continue their weekly prayer on Saturdays 9.00-9.30 am online via the Zoom app. If you are interested, please email for details of how to log on.

Faversham Foodbank needs help

People who are free to volunteer would be gratefully received at the Foodbank, as a number of its volunteers are self-isolating due to age. Jules is the manager and offers of help would be very welcome.

With children off school (free school meals) and people being laid off, the work of this charity will become critical. If you are willing to help, please email info@faversham.foodbank.org.uk

Weekly Collections

15 March 2020 : Announced later

Parish Appeal : Announced later

We thank parishioners who have kindly posted their weekly contributions for the parish or who have sought information about contributing by Standing Order. We fully appreciate that these are incredibly difficult times. If you would like to contribute by Standing Order, please send an email or pick up a form from the back of the church.

Thank you all for your support

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 Mike Moran, Kathleen (Kate) Thompson, Gerard Cookson, Archbishop Peter Smith, Fr John Garret, Clara Roberts and Vera Robinson and those whose anniversaries are about this time including: Joan Freed, Patrick Ronayne, Tom Lloyd, Celesti Lascinti, Helen Taylor and Cyril Smith. **May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

Our Parish is served by a Community of Carmelite Friars