

12 April 2020

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Carmelite
Friars

Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Faversham with Teynham

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We are praying for all parishioners and friends at this time.

VIRTUAL PARISH OFFICE

The physical Parish Office is closed until further notice

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

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

Parish Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/OLMCFaversham

Mass Intentions for the week

We continue to celebrate private Masses each day.

Sun	12	10.30 am	Parish
Mon	13	10.00 am	Patrick O'Driscoll & Family
Tue	14	10.00 am	Des & Pauline Daly & Family
Wed	15	10.00 am	Carmelite Vocations
Thurs	16	10.00 am	Godwin Ukaobi, RIP
Fri	17	10.00 am	Easter List of Remembrance
Sat	18	10.00 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.
See our website and Facebook for prayer resources.

- 9.40 am Morning Prayer
- 10.00 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

CHRIST IS RISEN

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate.

Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen.

Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing.

Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty.

**Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,**

Glory and power are his forever and ever.

St. Hippolytus (AD 190-236)



During this challenging time,
may God bless you and all whom you love
this Easter and always.

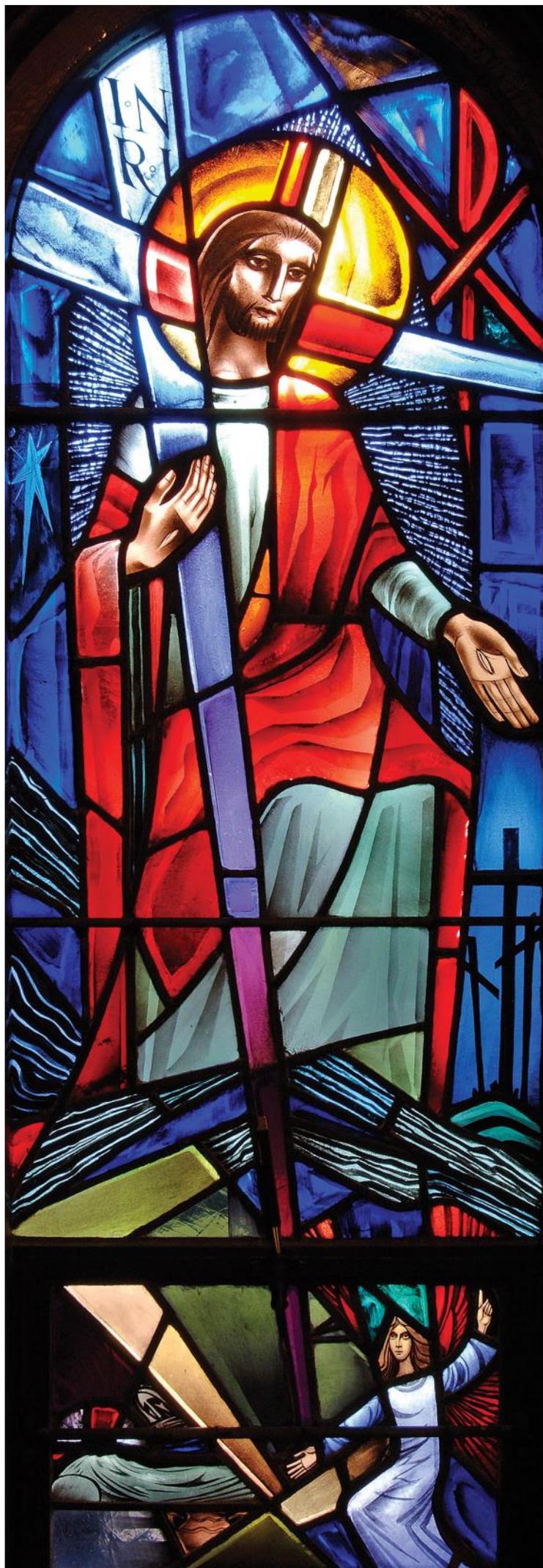
May the patron of our parish,
Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
intercede for you that you may be able to grow
securely in your knowledge of Jesus,
for whom she cared with such tenderness.
As she held the broken Jesus in her arms
and rejoiced in his Resurrection,
may she enfold you in her maternal embrace.

May angels and saints watch over you
this day and always.

And may you come to know more fully
the depths of God's love for you
made manifest in the Risen Jesus
who loves you beyond slavery to freedom,
from death to Resurrection life.

With gratitude in our hearts for all your kindness,
the Carmelite Community wishes you all a very

HAPPY EASTER!



Seeing and Believing

We are blessed in our church and in the Shrine of St. Jude to have so many beautiful works of art. The stained glass window to the left is by Richard Joseph King and, with vibrant colours and in a unique style, depicts the Resurrection of Jesus on that first Easter morning.

Mary Magdalene is the constant figure in all four Gospel accounts of the events of Easter morning. In John's Gospel, she finds the tomb empty and assumes that someone has moved Jesus' body. Simon Peter and the disciple Jesus loved run to the sepulchre when she reports this. Peter seems equally bewildered, but his companion, thanks to his close relationship to Jesus, sees and believes.

The empty tomb proves nothing. All it can say is "He is not here"; it cannot provide an explanation. The statement that "He is risen" is revealed from God, either by an angelic messenger or by the risen Jesus himself. Peter is given priority in honour as the leader of the disciples by the other one, who waits to allow him to enter the tomb first. But the "Beloved Disciple" has a certain priority in belief. The links with the raising of Lazarus are clear, as are the differences. Whereas Lazarus came out of his tomb still wrapped in this burial shroud, the cloths which bound Jesus are lying on the ground, and the cloth over his face neatly rolled up.

The Beloved Disciple believes without seeing the risen Jesus. He is representing generations yet to come (including ourselves), who will believe without visual evidence. But we have the scriptures. It is the scriptures that reveal God's plan to us, that Jesus must rise from the dead... and that we too rise through, with and in him.

Spiritual Communion & Daily Mass

The love of Christ celebrated in the Eucharist remains at the heart of who we are as a Christian community. Please unite with us in prayer at home.

Live-Streaming & Online Resources

We continue to provide online prayer helps and resources, so that we can continue to grow in our sense of being a united faith community. Already on our site are links to live-streamed Masses and other prayers that can be used at home.

"Like" our Parish Facebook Page

We thank those who have joined us on our Parish Facebook Page. Please visit and "Like" it, so that we can reach as many people as possible. We are posting daily updates/links and invite you to comment.



Praying with Pope Francis

Pope Francis invites everyone to pray the Rosary with him at 8.00 pm each day.

Need the SVP? Tel. 07563 702033

Living Faith Booklets - Free Online

A number of people have asked about the *Living Faith* booklets. We have them at Whitefriars, but unfortunately with current restrictions, we cannot invite you to collect them and we cannot currently get them to you. You can, however, access the daily reflections online at http://www.livingfaith.com/account_dev.php

Also, a similar and popular publication, *Magnificat*, is offering its issues free online during the crisis. Please go here: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

SVP Continues to Serve

We offer renewed thanks to members of our Parish SVP Conference who continue to reach out to those in most need. If you would like to offer help to others, please contact the SVP, using their published phone number.

Community Hub Response

West Faversham Community Centre is the designated Local Hub for the Community Response to Covid-19 for the non-clinically vulnerable in the community. Initially, the main task will be the distribution of essential food and supplies to those who are isolated. As other needs become evident, more services will be offered by the hub. Volunteers - under 70 years and with no underlying health issues - are needed. Particularly needed are volunteer drivers with their own vehicle. Thank you to the SVP for coordinating potential volunteers on behalf of the parish. If you are able to help, please call the SVP number.

Mass Intentions

If anyone wishes specific intentions to be prayed for, please send them by email or post to Whitefriars.

Parish Email-Shot

We have used email to message parishioners who have given us their email addresses. This is a simple way to reach as many people as possible. We are conscious of those people who do not use email or the internet. We are using the telephone as much as possible to keep in touch. If you know someone who would appreciate a short chat, please phone them and keep in touch with them, especially during this extraordinary time.

Gathering online with Zoom

We continue to explore the possibility of setting up an online gathering for parishioners who wish to come together virtually. Some members of the parish are doing this already. We will simply try to provide an occasion to chat and keep in touch. We wish also to have a regular online 30-minute meeting to reflect on

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

At Easter we renew our Baptismal Commitment.

You may wish to light a candle as you renew your promises at home, alone or with others.

Through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism.

Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

I do.

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

I do.

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gives us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. **Amen.**

and pray with passages from the Scriptures. Ideally, participants will need a video camera, microphone and speakers on their device (PC/iPad/Tablet etc.). If you are interested, please email faversham@rcaos.org.uk so that we can send you the details of how to log on. We will announce days/times on our website and Facebook.

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, Jackie Hitchcock, James Kilcoyne, Ruth Mackay, Barnaby Marchant, Mike Moran, Rhiannon Newbury, Gail O'Connor, Joan O'Sullivan, Julian Philips, Sadie Taylor and Denis Wood. **Please also remember** in your prayers all those who have died recently, especially Joy Wight, Thomas Byrne, Margaret Mary Heath, Mike Moran, Kathleen (Kate) Thompson, Gerard Cookson and Clara Roberts and those whose anniversaries are about this time including: Kathleen Barton, Hugh Harris, Greg Parkes, Margery Dixon, Joan Crump and Baron Alexander de Gelsey, and all whose names are recorded on our Easter List of Remembrance. **May all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

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Easter Reckoning

Geraldine Paine

Lights dim one by one, silver plate flashes,
the organ lid closes on joy

as small altar boys, altar girls, shuffle by
in oversized cassocks and trainers, carrying
the chalice, the paten, the wine; conversations rise
in their wake, shouts of laughter. People belong.

Some make for the Shrine of St. Jude
or The Infant of Prague where candles flicker
for the repose of the souls of the faithful and those
who've strayed. A few stay, scattered in pews,
heads bowed, breathing in scents of white lilies,
lost in the dark well of their hands.

Regina Coeli

13th Century Marian antiphon

O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

O God, who gave joy to the world through
the resurrection of you son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
grant we pray, that through the intercession
of the Virgin Mary, his mother,
we may come to the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen



Our Church and Easter Garden in 2019



Easter Remembrance - Our Loved Ones -

During the Easter season
we will pray each day
and celebrate a Mass each week
for those names recorded on our
Parish's Easter List of Remembrance.

If you would like
to make a dedication,
send the names of your
loved ones who have died to
faversham@rcaos.org.uk

PARISH FINANCES

We fully appreciate these difficult times.

WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

We ask parishioners who are able to put your normal contribution into an envelope and keep it safe until later.

STANDING ORDERS

Some parishioners have asked about making their regular contribution by Standing Order. If you would like to do this, please send an email to faversham@rcaos.org.uk and we will send you a form.

THANK YOU!