

27TH – 28TH APRIL 2024

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
FAVERSHAM AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES



WHITEFRIARS, 35 TANNERS STREET, FAVERSHAM ME13 7JW
OUR CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY DAY FROM 8AM – 6.30PM VIA THE SHRINE OF ST JUDE,
ACCESSED FROM THE CAR PARK BEHIND THE CHURCH



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRAYER AND MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer 9.00am Monday – Friday, 9.40am Saturday

Evening Prayer 6.00pm Monday – Friday

CHILDREN'S
LITURGY AT THE
SUNDAY 10.30AM
MASS EACH WEEK

SATURDAY 27TH	10.00AM	Shirley J Hunt – private intentions
	6.00PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 28TH	9.00AM	Christopher Tobin – birthday
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.30AM	Easter Lilies remembrance
MONDAY 29TH	9.15 AM	Shirley J Hunt's intentions
TUESDAY 30TH	12NOON	Antonia Ramos – health
WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY	9.15 AM	Angela Cameiro RIP
THURSDAY 2ND	9.15AM	Shirley J Hunt's intentions
FRIDAY 3RD	9.15AM	Charles Jayasinghe RIP
SATURDAY 4TH	10.00AM	Jessica Tam
	6.00PM	Easter Lily Remembrance
SUNDAY 6TH	9.00AM	Danielle Lai RIP
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.30AM	People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Baby Sienna Bentley, Kathy Hammond, Dillon, Michael Marsh, Gerry Donohoe, Zita Devis, Veronica Cole, Sean Blake, Tommy Gallagher, Paul Durkin, Linda LaDue, Levi Zimba, John Littlefield, Peter & Jessie Duckworth, Tom Turner, Sarah Dean, Janet Daly, Louise Marshallsay, Peter Greene, Patrick Mongan, Maureen Watters, Jerry McDonagh, Martin Hayes, Betty Bushell, Nell Goodwin, Ann Rake, Sammy, Millie Castelino, Wendy Coley, Bob Costa, Ted Davis, Ian Davison, Lucas Harmsworth, Barnaby Marchant, Gail O'Connor, Joan O'Sullivan, Julian Philips, Lola Rinvoluceri, Mario Rinvoluceri, Ginny & Richard Woodroofe and Paul Williams. **AND ALL FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY** including Angela and children, Jim Dunne, Cash family. **PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY,** including Mary Maye, Constance Perera, Bob Tunstall, Morna Shanahan, Lisa Correa, Willie Slattery, Robin de Rouen, **AS WELL AS THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AROUND THIS TIME, INCLUDING** Kathleen Earls, Anthony West, Jeanne Harvey, Joan Goodman, Joseph Park, Mary Martin, Bernard Jeffrey, Philip Ardizzone, Marie Maxwell, Hilda Galligan, Constance Vialls and Margaret Hex.. **WE ALSO PRAY FOR** peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land, for the work of the foodbank, the outreach of the SVP in our parish, for the pilgrims to the Shrine of St Jude.

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY A COMMUNITY OF CARMELITE FRIARS

KEVIN MELODY, PARISH PRIEST; PAUL DE GROOT, SHRINE CHAPLAIN; RICHARD COPSEY, PROVINCE HISTORIAN

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KATHY HAMMOND Please continue to keep Kathy in your prayers as she recovers in hospital from an accident at home. Kathy is slowly recovering and is very grateful for the many prayers and good wishes received from parishioners.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK will be celebrated on the last Tuesday of Each month at the 12 noon Mass, followed by lunch in Carmel Hall. The dates confirmed are as follows: May 28th, June 25th, July 30th, August 27th and September 30th. Thanks as always to the SVP for their kindness in organising this for us.

EASTER LILIES Thanks to all who donated towards the purchase of the Easter Lilies. Your loved ones will be remembered at Masses during Easter on April 21st, 28th and May 4th. May they rest in peace.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION. If you are interested in being commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister, please let Fr Kevin know – a preparation date will be arranged soon. Thank you.

THE GARDENING GROUP meets each Tuesday at 10.00am and I am sure you will agree that they do a wonderful job in keeping our gardens looking beautiful, as well as ensuring we have lots of flowers to decorate the church. You would be very welcome to join them each week (or any week) to offer your help. On Saturday 11th May all are invited to come along for a general tidy-up of the grounds which will go a long way in helping the group prepare for the summer season.

SILENT PRAYER will resume on Tuesday 7th May at 7.00pm in the side chapel. All are welcome to join us for 40 minutes or so of silent prayer on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

FAVERSHAM ASSISTANCE CENTRE (FACE) will hold their next plant sale in the market on Saturday 11th May - they are in need of plants for the day – see the poster at the back of the church for details.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE July 13th 2024 at St George's Cathedral If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than May 31st 2024, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Email us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Faversham - OLMC.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Jesus, the true vine

We are still on the Easter journey. After the three-day roller-coaster of emotions - from Jesus' supper with his disciples, through trial and crucifixion, to the wonder of the women at the empty tomb - we now prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. During these fifty days, our journey is steadied and enlightened by the words of the First Letter of St John. It has a central message made clear in today's reading: we are asked to believe in Jesus and love one another. We are then assured that we are not alone in this challenge: "We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us." This idea of Christ living within us is explored in today's Gospel where Jesus likens himself to the "true vine." He tells us: "Whoever remains in me, with me in them, bear fruit in plenty."

Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we can hold Christ within us, not only in our thoughts, our ideas, our actions, but deep within ourselves, in our souls and in our hearts. We are helped by prayer and by reflecting on the words of scripture, maybe meditating on the images, or by spending time with the phrases that we particularly notice. Or we can sit still and simply open our hearts and listen. Jesus says: "If you remain in me and my words remain in you ..."

You can find Sunday's scripture readings here: www.universalis.com/20240428/mass.htm and

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Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Psalm response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in them, bear fruit in plenty, alleluia..

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: If you would like to make a donation to the work of the SVP in our parish, you can use their bank account. A/c number: 46075364 S/C: 60-60-04 SVP Faversham