

St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham

Fourth in Epiphany 28 January 2018

Welcome to the beautiful church of St Mary of Charity. Please do stay for a drink and fellowship. If you are here for the first time, please make yourself known to one of the clergy.

For our prayers:

- the St Mary of Charity clergy team and lay ministry and all whose ministry is in Faversham and the Ospringe Deanery;
- those affected by 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- those who are homeless or vulnerably housed;
- those who are experiencing financial hardship;
- those who work for the emergency services;
- those who are receiving medical treatment;
- those who volunteer their time for the good of others;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am Eucharist

10.30 am Churches Together in Faversham Unity Service

Readings:

Revelation 12:1-5a

Mark 1:21-28

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in
signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with
your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Next Sunday:

**Second Sunday before
Lent**

Colossians 1:15-20

John 1:1-14



Epistle

Revelation 12:1-5a

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John
Glory to you, O Lord.

The disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to

destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



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Spirituality is about what is being done all the time, not activity being done after work has finished. It is one of those all or nothing situations: spirituality is in everything or it is in nothing.

(M. Carroll)

Raising funds for St Mary of Charity Parish Church

Quiz 'n' Chips

SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

At St Mary of Charity Primary School

Maximum 8 people per table

£7 per person includes sausage & chip supper.

Doors open at 7pm for a prompt 7.30 start

Please bring your own drinks / Raffle on the night

To book place please contact Martin or Victoria

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All profits from this evening will go to St Mary of Charity Parish Church

Members of the congregation who knew Stella Friar might be interested to learn that Stella's ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance at 11.30 am on Wednesday, 7 February 2018 following the morning Eucharist.

Any who would like to attend are welcome.

Rev Penny Fenton will take the service.

**Faversham
foodbank needs
your help!**

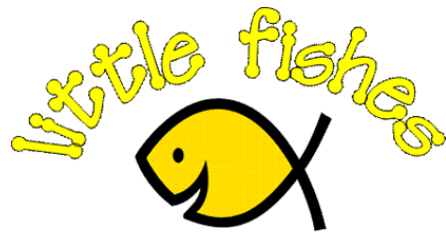


**As a result of increase in custom,
the foodbank is very low on the
following:**

- Tinned Vegetables**
- Long Life Fruit Juice**
- Tinned Sponge Puddings**
- Chocolate Bars**
- Shampoo**
- Cooking Oil**
- Tinned or Instant Custard**

**If you are able to donate toiletries
and any sanitary protection, this
would also be appreciated.**

Thank you



We're back: every Thursday morning from 10 am until 11.30 am, our amazing pre-school group has resumed in the South Transept for play, craft, snacks, stories, songs and a prayer. However, this is where YOU come in. Little Fishes is run by volunteers and we need to ensure that we have enough helpers available for each session.

Chatting with parents, carers, childminders and the children is also part of the morning (but obviously this isn't a chore - not that *any* of the rest is!)

So, can you help us? Do you know someone who could? *Do you know someone with spare time on a Thursday morning who can play a musical instrument?*

Please speak to Dennis or Val T if you would like to know more...

Who's missing?

Have you noticed one of our church family who you normally see on Sundays is no longer attending church?

Is there someone you know who has had to stop coming to church because of ill health but would like to remain in contact?

We have a group of volunteers who can visit people in their homes to be a link to the church and provide spiritual support. Home Communion can also be given.

If there is someone you think would benefit from such a visit please contact the Pastoral Visitors' Co-ordinator Kevin Swinney (kevin.swinney@outlook.com) or a member of the Clergy team.

Lent Lunches

St Mary of Charity will be hosting the Lent Lunch at the Baptist Church on Friday, 2 March. If anyone is able to help with preparation, serving or setting up/clearing away, please speak to Val Tyler.

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

10.30 am Eucharist

Thursday, 1 February 2018

10-11.30 am Little Fishes 'Stained glass' candles

Friday, 2 February 2018

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 3 February 2018

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer

Sunday, 4 February 2018; Second before Lent

9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

10.30 am All Age Worship



The St Mary of Charity usual monthly pattern of services:

First Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	All Age Worship <i>Family-friendly service</i>	6 pm	Choral Evensong
Second Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
Third Sunday	9 am	Matins	10.30 am	Family Eucharist <i>Family-friendly service</i>		
Fourth Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
Fifth Sunday (if applicable)	NO EARLY SERVICE AT ANY BENEFICE CHURCH		10 am	Benefice Eucharist CW <i>Please check for details on which church this will be held at</i>		