

# St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham

## Last before Lent

### 11 February 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 (BCP)**  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

**Readings:**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

**Mark 9:2-9**

COLLECT:

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death  
upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened  
to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness,  
from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever .  
Amen

**Next Sunday:**

**First in Lent**

**1 Peter 3:18-22**

**Mark 1:9-15**



## ***Epistle***

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***Gospel Reading***

Mark 1:9-15

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for

Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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



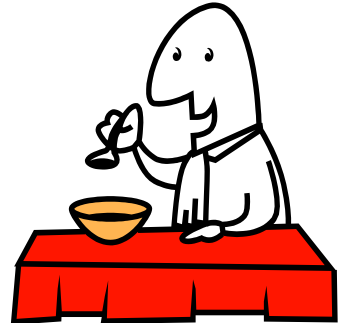
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If life and living are pondered on, thought about, contemplated more, this will increase the chances of being in harmony with people and reduce the chances of hurting others. Reflecting on life pushes people inwards to know the real inner self. Our true inner self is where we can find our unique spiritual selves. It takes time to find our inner selves, but it can take place alone, with others or in groups. Reflection is not about finding answers but rather realising that there are many questions. Most of the questions, though, tend not to have set answers

The Parish Lunch will be on the third  
Wednesday of the month

**21 February 2018**

*All* are welcome to enjoy good, home-cooked food and fellowship - the sign-up sheet is at the back of the church!



## **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.

The dates for the Lent Lunches are:

16 February  
23 February  
2 March  
9 March  
16 March  
23 March

Lunches are between 12 noon and 1.45 - 2 pm at the Baptist Church Hall (the rear entrance - Institute Road) and the minimum donation is £3.00.

The lunches are a wonderful expression of fellowship with our fellow Christians (and non-Christians!)

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\* The Tuesday Group's next open meeting will  
\* be held at 7.30 pm on 13 February, at the Age UK  
\* premises, with Mark Bathurst speaking about the  
\* restoration of the Medway Queen.  
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\* This meeting is open to anyone who would like to  
\* come along and share fellowship.  
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**Essential work on the North Transept buttresses starts in March!**

Therefore we need to have a tidy in the transept so that the builders can have clear access. If anyone fancies coming in and helping clear or re-site the 'much loved items' and general paraphernalia stored behind the screens in the North Transept the proposed date is the morning of Saturday, 17 February and they will be welcomed with open arms (and piles of toot, no doubt)!

# A Pilgrimage through Lent

7.30 pm on Mondays in Lent beginning  
Monday, 19 February (approx 1 hour)

St Mary of Charity,

Please journey with us!

Simon Young and Sharran Ireland



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

01795 530421 [marttyler@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:marttyler@tiscali.co.uk)

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

## **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.**

**Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!**

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# The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

## Wednesday, 14 February 2018 - Ash Wednesday

10.30 am Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes  
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## Thursday, 15 February 2018

NO Little Fishes *Half Term!*

## Friday, 16 February 2018

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel  
 12 noon Lent Lunch in the Baptist Church Hall (Institute Road)

## Saturday, 17 February 2018

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer  
 10 - noon Church Cafe

## Sunday, 18 February 2018; First in Lent

9 am Matins  
 10.30 am Family Eucharist (CW)  
 1 pm Baptism: LADD



<b>First Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	All Age Worship <i>Family-friendly service</i>	6 pm	Choral Evensong
<b>Second Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
<b>Third Sunday</b>	9 am	Matins	10.30 am	Family Eucharist <i>Family-friendly service</i>		
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
<b>Fifth Sunday (if applicable)</b>	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>		