



Pilgrimages & Events 2018



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THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD

A meeting place and centre of Christian spirituality
with a Carmelite community at its heart;
a space where people of all ages and all faiths, or none,
will find a welcome, where the sacred is expressed through
prayer, the arts and nature.

Be still and know that I am God (Ps. 46:10)

The Carmelites first arrived at Aylesford in 1242 from Mount Carmel in the Holy Land, remaining here until 1538 - the time of the Dissolution of the Monasteries. The Carmelites returned to their ancient home in 1949. Aylesford has been a place of pilgrimage since. The Shrine is dedicated to the Glorious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Simon Stock. Pilgrims are welcome all year round to join both the daily services of the Carmelite Community and the principal public services.

Welcome to Carmel

REGULAR SERVICES AT THE FRIARS

Mass	Sunday	8.00 am & 10.15 am
	Weekdays	7.30 am & 12 noon
Evening Prayer	Monday-Saturday	6.30 pm
	Sunday	6.00 pm (Summer time)
	With Benediction	4.30 pm (Winter time)
Night Prayer	Saturdays	8.00 pm followed by Confessions
Sacramental Confession		
	Monday-Saturday	10.00am - 11.30am 2.00 pm- 4.00pm
	Sun (Winter only)	11.30am -12.30pm 2.00pm– 4.00pm

(Call at Reception. Subject to the availability of friars. There are no Confessions when Mass is taking place)

Confessions normally begin 45 minutes before Pilgrimage Masses (May to Oct)

Very occasionally times and Services may change - please ring or check website

Retreats at The Friars For details of retreats see the Retreat Leaflet available on the website or on request by post or email. By prior arrangement a friar may be available for a private guided retreat. *Email: retreat@thefriars.org.uk*

Quiet Prayer with others All are welcome to join a period of silent prayer in the company of others in the Gatehouse every Wednesday after the 12 noon Mass.

Pilgrims Newsletter - Aylesford

Sent quarterly on request by post or email. *Email: newsletter@thefriars.org.uk* or available on the website. Cover picture: *Anointing of the Sick; on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady.*

FEBRUARY

- Wed 14 **ASH WEDNESDAY**, Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon.
Sat 17 **AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER**, 10.30 am Holy Hour, 2.00 pm Carmelite prayer, talk & meeting.
Sun 18 **Farmers Market**, 9.00 am – 1.30 pm.
Sat 24 **OSCAR ROMERO EVENT** 2.30 pm Film *The Claim— Archbishop Romero, his people and Pope Francis*.

MARCH

- Sat 17 **AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER**, 10.30 am Holy Hour, Mass 12 noon & 2.00 pm Carmelite prayer, talk and meeting.
Sun 18 **Farmers Market**, 9.00 am – 1.30 pm.
Sat 24 **BORN FOR THIS**
6.00 pm. A powerful and moving presentation of the Stations of the Cross using drama, movement and song. Southwark Catholic Youth Services.
Sun 25 **PALM SUNDAY**
Masses 8.00 am & 10.15 am with Blessing of Palms.
CATHOLIC TAMIL PALM SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE
11.45 am Gathering, Palm Blessing, 12.15 pm Mass, Bp Paul Hendricks. 3.30 pm Procession & Benediction.

- Thur 29 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
8.00 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
followed by Watching until Midnight. 11.30 pm Night Prayer.
Fri 30 **GOOD FRIDAY**
3.00 pm **Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord.**
8.00 pm Stations of the Cross.
Sat 31 **HOLY SATURDAY**
9.00 pm **Easter Vigil** leading to **Mass of the Resurrection.**

APRIL

- Sun 1 **EASTER SUNDAY**
Masses 8.00 am, 10.15 am & 12 noon.
Evening Prayer and Benediction 4.30 pm.
Sat 7 **DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE**
10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Praise, prayer & talk. 12 noon Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mercy Devotions, Benediction followed by Veneration of the Image of The Merciful Jesus & relics of St. Faustina. Bp Paul Hendricks.
Sun 15 **Farmers' Market** 9.00 am-1.30 pm.

- Sat 21 **AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER** 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Carmelite prayer, talk and meeting.
- Sun 22 **KENT'S ALL FORD SHOW**

MAY

- Sat 5 **LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE**
12 noon Mass, 3.00 pm Procession & Benediction.
Bp Paul Hendricks.
- Mon 7 **ALTAR SERVERS PILGRIMAGE** 11.30 am Mass.
- Sat 12 **COMMISSIONING DAY FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, 2.30 pm Mass and Commissioning. Bp Paul Mason.
- Sun 13 **MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY AND CO-WORKERS PILGRIMAGE** 12 noon Mass. Shared picnic. Rosary.
- Weds 16 **St Simon Stock**, Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon.
- Sat 19 **AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER** 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Carmelite prayer, talk and meeting.
VIGIL OF PENTECOST 6.30pm Ecumenical Eve Prayer
- Sun 20 **Farmers' Market** 9.00 am – 1.30 pm.
- Wed 23 **GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOLS LITURGY**
11.30 am Liturgy with Missio.
- Sun 27 **Most Holy Trinity**, Masses 8.00 am & 10.15 am.
NATIONAL SYRO-MALABAR PILGRIMAGE
12 noon Rosary, 2.00 pm Mass, Adoration and Benediction.
Followed by St Alphonsa Procession and shared picnic.
Bp Joseph Srampickal.
- Mon 28 **SPRING BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY** 12 noon Mass.
- Tues 29 **UCM SOUTHWARK PILGRIMAGE** 11.30 am Mass, 2.00 pm Rosary Procession. Bp Paul Mason.

JUNE

- Sat 2 **OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PILGRIMAGE**
12 noon Mass, 2.45 pm talk, 4.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.
- 2—10 **WOODTURNERS' SUMMER EXHIBITION**
- Sun 3 **CORPUS CHRISTI** Masses 8.00 am and 10.15 am.
ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE, 12 noon Mass, 4.00 pm Procession.
- Sun 10 **KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA PILGRIMAGE**
11.45 am Procession, 12 noon Mass with Archbishop Peter Smith including Knighthood Ceremony, 3.15 pm Rosary Procession and Benediction. Scapular enrolment.
- Sat 16 **AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER** 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Carmelite prayer, talk and meeting.

- Sun 17 **PORTUGUESE PILGRIMAGE**
12 Noon Mass, 4.00 pm Rosary Procession.
Farmers' Market, 9.00 am – 1.30 pm.
- Sat 23 **SUMMER YOUTH DAY**, 10.00 am–8.00pm. Mass 6.30 pm.

Sun 24 **THE FRIARS SUMMER FAYRE**
11.00 am - 4.30 pm
Entertainment, music, games, refreshments and craft stalls.
Entry charge.

- Tues 26 **PICNIC AND PRAISE IN THE PRIORY**
Kent Catholic Schools Partnership celebration,
with Southwark Catholic Youth Services
10.30 am – 2.00 pm. Praise, picnic, 1.00 pm Mass.

JULY

- Sun 1 **DAY OF CELEBRATION** sharing in the Gifts of People with Disabilities. 12 noon Mass. Creative art & music workshops, sensory prayer & 3.30 pm closing liturgy. Bp Paul Hendricks.
- Sat 7 **NIGERIAN PILGRIMAGE** 10.00 am – 6.00 pm. Rosary Procession, Mass, Homily, Adoration and Benediction.

- Sun 15 **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PILGRIMAGE**
11.30 am Mass with Third Order Professions and Renewal of Promises, 2.15 pm Spiritual talk, 3,30 pm Rosary Procession followed by Adoration and Benediction. Scapular Enrolment.

- Sun 15 **Farmers Market**, 9.00 am – 1.30 pm.
- Sun 22 **KENT'S KIT, CUSTOM AND AMERICAN CAR SHOW**
- Thur 26 Open air production Noel Coward's *Blythe Spirit*, 7.15 pm.
- Fri 27 Open air Shakespeare *Measure for Measure*, 7.15 pm.
- Sat 28 **ALL NIGHT VIGIL**, 10.00 pm Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Benediction and concluding with Mass of the Sunday. Depart 6.00 am.
- Sun 29 **CARIBBEAN PILGRIMAGE**, 12 noon Mass Bp Patrick Lynch. 3.30 pm Rosary, Adoration and Benediction.

AUGUST

- Sun 5 **VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE RALLY PUBLIC DAY**
- Mon 6 **Transfiguration of the Lord**, Masses 7.30 am & 12 noon.
Hiroshima and Nagasaki Remembrance Service 8.20 pm.
- Sat 11 **ST JOHN KENT REUNION** 3.00 pm Service.

- Sun 12 **PILGRIMAGE OF THE SICK**
with the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes
 11.30 am Mass of The Assumption with
 Sacrament of the Sick, 3.15 pm Rosary Procession and
 Benediction of the Sick. Scapular enrolment.
- Wed 15 **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
 Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon.
- Sun 19 **CATHOLIC TAMIL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE** celebrating
 Our Lady of Madhu, 11.00 am Gathering Liturgy, 12 noon
 Mass, 3.30 pm Procession & Benediction.
Farmers' Market , 9.00 am - 1.30 pm.
- Sun 26 **KERALA CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY PILGRIMAGE**
 12 noon Mass, 2.30 pm Procession and Benediction.
- Mon 27 **AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**
DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE
 10.30 am – 4.30 pm with prayer, devotions, Adoration.
 Pilgrimage Mass at 12 noon. Veneration of Merciful Jesus &
 relics of St Faustina.

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 1 **WORLD GOAN DAY PILGRIMAGE** 11.30 am Mass,
 2.45 pm Rosary Procession. Shared picnic.
- Sun 2 **POLISH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE**
 12 noon Angelus & Confessions, 1.00 pm Mass,
 4.00 pm Rosary Procession & Benediction.
- Sat 8 **SOUTH EAST NEW DAWN DAY OF RENEWAL**
 9.00 am — 5.00 pm. 2.30 pm Healing Mass.
- Sun 9 **KENT'S CLASSIC CAR SHOW**
- Fri 14 **ARCHBISHOP'S DAY FOR RELIGIOUS**
 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. 2.45 pm Mass. Archbishop Peter.
- Sat 15 **AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER** 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon
 Mass, 2.00 pm Carmelite prayer, talk and meeting.
- Sun 16 **POLISH SCOUTS & GUIDES PILGRIMAGE**
 11.30 am Rosary, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Games & activities
 finishing with "campfire" circle of community singing.
Farmers' Market 9.00 am – 1.30 pm.
- Sun 30 **LITTLE FLOWER SOCIETY ST THÉRÈSE PILGRIMAGE**
 12 Noon Gathering service & blessing of prayer banner,
 2.15 pm Blessing of Roses, 3.00 pm Mass. Exhibition of
 Missions' work.

OCTOBER

- Sun 7 **ALL-FILIPINO PILGRIMAGE**
 Shared picnic. 1.30 pm Rosary procession, 2.30 pm Mass.

- Sat 20 **AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER** 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Carmelite prayer, talk and meeting.
- Sun 21 **Farmers' Market** 9.00 am – 1.30 pm.

NOVEMBER

- Thur 1 **All Saints** Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon.
- Fri 2 **All Souls** Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon.
- 3—18 **WOODTURNERS' WINTER EXHIBITION**
- Wed 14 **All Carmelite Saints** Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon.
- Thur 15 **All Carmelite Souls** Masses 7.30 am and 11.30 am with Blessing of the graves.
- Sat 17 **AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER** 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Carmelite prayer, talk and meeting.

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 November THE FRIARS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Seasonal entertainment, craft and gift stalls. Entry charge.

- Sat 24 No 12 noon Mass. 4.15 pm Vigil Mass of **Christ the King**.
- Sun 25 **CHRIST THE KING** 8.00 am Mass only. No 10.15 am Mass. 4.30 pm Evening Prayer and Benediction.

DECEMBER

- Sun 2 **LIGHT UP A LIFE** Heart of Kent Hospice Candlelit procession and Service, 4.30 pm.
- Fri 7 **ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERVICE**, 8.00 pm with the joint Choirs of The Friars and Sts Peter & Paul, Aylesford.
- Fri 14 **CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT CONCERT** 7.15 pm with Medway Concert Brass Band.
- Sat 15 **AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER** 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Carmelite prayer, talk and meeting.
- Sun 16 **Farmers' Market** 9.00 am – 1.30 pm.
- Mon 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
11.30 pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass.
- Tues 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** Masses 8.00 am & 10.15 am.
- Wed 26 **St Stephen** 12 noon Mass.
- Sun 30 **THE HOLY FAMILY** Masses 8.00 am & 10.15am.

JANUARY 2019

- Tues 1 **Mary Mother of God** Mass 12 noon.
- Sun 6 **EPIPHANY** Masses 8.00 am & 10.15 am. Evening Prayer and Benediction 4.30 pm.

The Carmelite Family.

We seek to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ through prayer, community and service. With Mary and the Prophet Elijah as our models we work in a variety of ministries, pointing to the presence of God.

For information about **becoming a friar**, email: vocations@carmelite.org

For information about **becoming a Lay Carmelite**, see www.laycarmel.org

Pilgrimages, Day trips and Tours.

Why not organise a day trip (weekends and weekdays) or tour (weekdays only) to Aylesford for your parish or group? Apply to the: *Shrine Secretary*.

Email: pilgrim@thefriars.org.uk When writing please give your phone number and enclose an s.a.e.

Guesthouse Accommodation

Accommodation available for individuals and groups seeking peace and quiet. Apply to *Reception*. Email: reception@thefriars.org.uk

Conferences

The Friars has a variety of conference rooms for groups large and small. For all enquiries apply to the Conference office. Email: meetings@thefriars.org.uk

Bookshop and Tearoom

Opening Hours: Mon - Sat 10.00 am - 5.00 pm, Sundays 11.00 am - 5.00 pm summer time. For winter opening times please see the website.

HOW TO REACH AYLESFORD IN KENT

Aylesford (The Friars) is just over 30 miles from London and is easily reached by road or train.

BRITISH RAIL: London (Victoria) to Maidstone East, then local bus route 155/156 (135 on Sundays) from the BR station to The Friars OR London (Charing Cross) to Aylesford (change at Strood), then 20 minute walk via Aylesford Village (turn left on leaving the station).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

British Rail 08457 484950

ROAD:

(1) **A2/M2:**

Exit A229 for Maidstone (Junction 3) then follow signs for The Friars,

(2) **M20:**

Exit A229 (Junction 6) then follow signs for The Friars.

COACHES: must approach and leave via ECCLES and NOT via AYLESFORD VILLAGE.

