

Pilgrimages 2011



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THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD

encouraging openness to God

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.

We ask pilgrims to pray for the following intentions:

- a renewal of the spirit of faith;
- that everyone may find truth and meaning in their lives;
- for reconciliation, unity and peace;
- for the intentions of all the pilgrims that come to Aylesford.

REGULAR SERVICES AT THE FRIARS *

Mass Sunday 8.00 am & 10.15 am
Weekdays 7.30 am & 12 noon

Evening Prayer & Benediction Sundays 4.30 pm (October - Easter)

Evening Prayer Sundays 6.15 pm (Easter - October)
Weekdays 6.45 pm

Sacramental Confession

Monday-Saturday 11.00 - 11.45 am in Confessionals
2.30 - 4.30 pm (call at Reception)

Saturday 8.15 pm following Night Prayer

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

**Very occasionally times may change - please ring or check website*

Retreats at The Friars For details of retreats see the Retreat Leaflet available on request by post, email or on the website. *Email: retreat@thefriars.org.uk*

Aylesford Tours and Pilgrimages (AT&P)

A body of Lay Carmelites who arrange travel from London to Aylesford. Apply to *Miss M. Beck, 50 Alderney Street, London SW1V 4EX. Tel: 020 7834 9684.*

All Night Vigils 1st Saturdays, 10.00 pm–6.00 am, May - October (excl. August). For coaches from London apply to: *Mrs. F. Tugadi, 45 Chelsea Reach Tower, World's End Estate, London SW10 0EG. Tel: 020 7352 4478 or Miss L. Ogbeni, 12 Houghton Avenue, Park Farm Way, Stanground, Peterborough PE2 8UR. Tel: 01733 55231 or 07504 525746*

Pilgrims Newsletter - Aylesford

Sent quarterly on request by post or email. *Email: newsletter@thefriars.org.uk*

MARCH

- Fri 4 **Carmel Prayer:** 8.00 pm.
Wed 9 **Ash Wednesday:** 7.30 am and 12 noon Mass with distribution of ashes.
Sat 19 **Aylesford Carmelite Third Order:** 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Prayer & Meeting.
Feast of St Joseph: 2.30 pm Mass. **AT&P**

APRIL

- Sat 16 **Aylesford Carmelite Third Order:** 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Prayer & Meeting.
Sun 17 **PALM SUNDAY**
Masses 8.00 am and 10.15 am with Blessing of Palms.
CATHOLIC TAMIL PILGRIMAGE
11.00 am Gathering & Blessing of Palms, 12 noon Mass, 3.30 pm Procession & Benediction.

- Thurs 21 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
8.00 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** followed by Watching until Midnight.
Fri 22 **GOOD FRIDAY**
3.00 pm **Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord**
8.00 pm Stations of the Cross.
Sat 23 **HOLY SATURDAY**
9.00 pm **Easter Vigil** leading to **Mass of the Resurrection**
Sun 24 **EASTER SUNDAY**
Masses 8.00 am, 10.15 am and 12 noon, Evening Prayer and Benediction 4.30 pm.

- Mon 25 **EASTER MONDAY,** 12 noon Mass. **AT&P**
Sat 30 **Sacrament of the Sick** during 12 noon Mass.

MAY

- Mon 2 **ALTAR SERVERS PILGRIMAGE**
11.15 am Gathering Procession, 11.30 am Mass.
Bishop John Hine.
Fri 6 **Carmel Prayer:** 8.00 pm.
Sat 7 **Commissioning Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Bishop John Hine.
All Night Vigil: 10.00 pm - 6.00 am.
Sat 14 **LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE**
12 noon Mass, 3.30 pm Procession & Benediction.
Bishop Paul Hendricks

- Sun 15 **PIONEERS & MATT TALBOT PILGRIMAGE**
12 noon Mass, 2.30 pm Rosary on Rosary Way,
4.00 pm Rosary Procession & Benediction.
- Mon 16 **Feast of St. Simon Stock:** Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon.
- Sat 21 **Aylesford Carmelite Third Order** 10.30 am Holy Hour,
12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Prayer & Meeting.
Celebrating St Simon Stock 2.30 pm Mass. **AT&P**
- Thur 26 **GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOLS LITURGY** 11.30 am Liturgy.
Archbishop Peter Smith.
- Mon 30 **Bank Holiday:** 12 noon Mass. **AT&P**
- Tues 31 **UCM SOUTHWARK PILGRIMAGE**
11.30 am Mass, 2.00 pm Rosary Procession.
Bishop Howard Tripp.

JUNE

- Wed 1 **CWL BRENTWOOD PILGRIMAGE**
2.00 pm Rosary, 3.00 pm Mass.
- Fri 3 **Carmel Prayer:** 8.00 pm.
- Sat 4 **All Night Vigil:** 10.00 pm - 6.00 am.
- Sun 5 **Ascension of the Lord:** Masses 8.00 am and 10.15 am.
ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE
12 noon Mass, 4.00 pm Procession and Benediction.
- Sat 11 **CATHOLIC ROADSHOW** 11.00 am - 9.00 pm Exhibitions,
workshops, youth event, gala concert.
For more details see www.hguhroadshow.co.uk
- Sun 12 **Pentecost:** Masses 8.00 am and 12 noon (*NB no 10.15 am Mass*)
KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA PILGRIMAGE
12 noon Mass, 2.30 pm Knight Ceremony, 3.30 pm Rosary
Procession and Benediction. Archbishop Peter Smith.
- Sat 18 **Aylesford Carmelite Third Order** 10.30 am Holy Hour,
12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Prayer & Meeting.
SALVATION ARMY BAND CONCERT: 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm.
- Sun 19 **Trinity Sunday:** Masses 8.00 am, 10.15 am and 5.00 pm.

Sun 19 THE FRIARS SUMMER FAYRE
11.00 am - 4.30 pm. Family Entertainment and Craft Fair.
5.00 pm Mass.

- Sat 25 **OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE PILGRIMAGE**
11.15 am Gathering & Rosary, 12 noon Mass, 2.45 pm talk,
4.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Prayer & Benediction.
- Sun 26 **Corpus Christi:** Masses 8.00 am and 10.15 am.
PORTUGUESE PILGRIMAGE
11.30 am Mass, 4.00 pm Rosary Procession.

Sun 26 June **Southwark & Brentwood Dioceses
YOUTH FESTIVAL**

10.00 am - 8.00 pm, Mass 6.30 pm.

Mon & Tues (27 & 28 June), Thurs & Fri (30 June & 1 July)

**Southwark & Brentwood Dioceses
YOUTH WEEK - Year 9 & Year 12 days**

10.00 am - 4.00 pm, Mass 2.30 pm. (www.scys.org.uk)

Fri 1 - Mon 4 July **BRIGHT LIGHTS FESTIVAL**

Summer festival for young adults full of music, challenging workshops and seminars, speakers, sacred spaces and moving liturgies. For more details visit:

www.brightlights.org.uk

JULY

Fri 1 **Carmel Prayer:** 8.00 pm.

Sat 2 **All Night Vigil:** 10.00 pm - 6.00 am.

Fri 8 **SHAKESPEARE'S 'COMEDY OF ERRORS'**
7.30 pm Rosary Way

Sat 9 **NIGERIAN PILGRIMAGE**
From 10.00 am with Gathering, Rosary, Mass, talk, Adoration and Benediction

Sun 10 **DAY OF CELEBRATION**
sharing in the Gifts of People with Disabilities.
12 noon Gathering Service followed by creative workshops and sensory prayer. 4.00 pm Mass. Archbishop Peter Smith.

Sat 16 **Our Lady of Mount Carmel:** Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon.
GRANDPARENTS' & FAMILIES' PILGRIMAGE
11.00 am Gathering, 3.00 pm Mass, Bishop John Hine. Prayer and entertainment.

Sun 17 **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PILGRIMAGE & DAY CELEBRATING CARMELITE LIFE & SPIRITUALITY**
11.30 am Gathering Service;
2.00 pm Reflections on Resting in God; 3.30 pm Mass.
Renewal of Carmelite commitment during the day.

Sat 23 **Sacrament of the Sick** during 12 noon Mass.

Sun 24 **BRAZILIAN PILGRIMAGE:** 11.00 am Mass.

AUGUST

Thur 4 - Sun 7 **VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE RALLY**

Fri 5 **Carmel Prayer:** 8.00 pm.

Sat 6 **Hiroshima Remembrance Service** (Kent J & P): 8.20 pm.

Sun 7 **Transfiguration of the Lord:** Masses 8.00 am and 10.15 am.

CARIBBEAN PILGRIMAGE
12 noon Mass, 3.30 pm Procession & Benediction.
Bishop Patrick Lynch.

- Sun 14 **Assumption of Our Lady:** Masses 8.00 am and 10.15 am.
PILGRIMAGE OF THE SICK with Society of Our Lady of Lourdes.
 12 noon Mass with **Sacrament of the Sick**.
 3.30 pm Procession & Benediction.
- Sun 21 **CATHOLIC TAMIL PILGRIMAGE:** 11.00 am Gathering Liturgy,
 12 noon Mass, 3.30 pm Procession & Benediction.
- Sat 27 **GOAN PILGRIMAGE**
 10.30 am Rosary, 11.00 am Mass & Benediction.
 Afternoon national picnic celebration and talks.
 Bishop Patrick Lynch.
- Sun 28 **ST JOHN AMBULANCE KENT REUNION:** 3.30 pm Service.
KERALA CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE
 12 noon Mass, 2.30 pm Procession and Benediction.
- Mon 29 **Bank Holiday:** 12 noon Mass. **AT&P**
DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE
 10.00 am Confessions, 10.30 am Gathering,
 11.30 am and 2.30 pm Talks, 12 noon Mass,
 3.00 pm Divine Mercy Hour, 3.45 pm Veneration of the Image of
 Jesus, the Divine Mercy and Relic of St Faustina.
 Bishop Patrick Lynch.

SEPTEMBER

- Fri 2 **Carmel Prayer:** 8.00 pm.
- Sat 3 **All Night Vigil:** 10.00 pm - 6.00 am.
- Sun 4 **POLISH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE**
 12 noon Angelus & Confessions, 2.00 pm Mass,
 5.00 pm Rosary Procession & Benediction.
- Sat 10 **Celebrating Our Lady's Birthday,** 2.30 pm Mass. **AT&P**
- Sun 11 **MAIDSTONE DEANERY MASS FOR THE SICK,** 3.00 pm
- Sat 17 **Aylesford Carmelite Third Order:** 10.30 am Holy Hour,
 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Prayer & Meeting.
- Sun 18 **POLISH SCOUTS & GUIDES PILGRIMAGE**
 11.30 am Rosary, 12 noon Mass,
 2.00 pm Games & campfire activities.
- Fri 23 **ARCHBISHOP'S DAY FOR RELIGIOUS**
 10.00 am - 4.00 pm, Edith Stein Centre, North Barn.
 Archbishop Peter Smith.

OCTOBER

- Sat 1 **All Night Vigil:** 10.00 pm - 6.00 am.
- Sun 2 **LITTLE FLOWER SOCIETY &**
UCM WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE
 12 noon Gathering Liturgy, 1.45 pm UCM Rosary Procession,
 2.45 pm Mass with Blessing of Roses. **AT&P**

- Fri 7 **Carmel Prayer:** 8.00 pm.
 Sat 15 **Aylesford Carmelite Third Order:** 10.30 am Holy Hour,
 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Prayer & Meeting.
Celebrating St Teresa of Avila, 2.30 pm Mass. AT&P

NOVEMBER

- Tues 1 **All Saints:** Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon.
 Wed 2 **All Souls:** Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon.
 Fri 4 **Carmel Prayer:** 8.00 pm.
 Sat 19 **Aylesford Carmelite Third Order:** 10.30 am Holy Hour,
 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Prayer & Meeting.
 Sun 20 **Christ the King.** Masses 8.00, 10.15 am and 12 noon. **AT&P**

Saturday 26 - Sunday 27 November, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

THE FRIARS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Seasonal entertainment, craft and gift stalls. Entry £3 adults, £1 children.

Saturday 26 November at 1.30 pm

NATIVITY PAGEANT

An engaging celebration of the Nativity Story from different perspectives. Parishes, young people and drama groups will take us into a reflective preparation for Christmas. Entry free.

DECEMBER

- Fri 2 **Ecumenical Advent Service,** 8.00 pm.
 Sat 3 **Celebrating Immaculate Conception:** 2.30 pm Mass. **AT&P**
 Sun 4 **LIGHT UP A LIFE** Heart of Kent Hospice
 Candlelight Procession and Carol Service, 4.30 pm.
 Thur 8 **Immaculate Conception:** Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon.
 Fri 9 **Carols by Candlelight:** 7.15 pm.
 Sat 10 **Aylesford Carmelite Third Order:** 10.30 am Holy Hour,
 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Prayer and Meeting.
 Sat 17 **Celebrating God's Forgiveness,** 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm.
 Sat 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
 11.30 pm Carols followed by **Midnight Mass.**
 Sun 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
 Masses 8.00 am and 10.15 am.
 Fri 30 **Feast of the Holy Family:** Mass 12 noon.

JANUARY

- Sun 1 **Blessed Virgin Mary:** Masses 8.00 am and 10.15 am.
 Sun 8 **Epiphany:** Masses 8.00 am and 10.15 am.
 Mon 9 **Baptism of Our Lord:** Mass 12 noon.

The Carmelite Family. We seek to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ through prayer, community and service. With Our Lady 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**, *Email: natsec@laycarmel.org*

Pilgrimages and Tours. Why not organise a Day/Trip (weekends and weekdays) or Tour (weekdays only) to Aylesford for your group? Apply to: *The Shrine Secretary, The Friars, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX. Email: pilgrim@thefriars.org.uk*
When writing please give your phone number and enclose an s.a.e.

Guesthouse Accommodation available for individuals and small groups seeking peace and quiet. Apply to *Reception, The Friars, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX. Tel: 01622 717272. Email: guesthouse@thefriars.org.uk*

Conferences The Friars has a variety of conference rooms for groups large or small. For all enquires apply to *The Conference Office, The Friars, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX. Tel: 01622 717272. Email: conferences@thefriars.org.uk*

The Aylesford Centre - Counselling

Counselling, (Pastoral) Supervision and Spiritual Accompaniment available at The Friars. For appointments: *Tel: 07751 881319. or email: acspd@hotmail.co.uk*

Bookshop and Tearoom

Opening Hours: Mon-Sat 10.00 am - 5.00 pm, Sundays, 11.00 am - 5.00 pm summer time only. For winter opening please see website. *Email: bookshop@thefriars.org.uk*

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, Aylesford OR London (Charing Cross) to Aylesford (change at Strood), then 20 minute walk via Aylesford Village (turn left on leaving the station).

GREENLINE COACHES: London Victoria (or Lewisham and other pick-up points) to Maidstone Bus Station, then local bus route 155/156 (135 on Sundays) to The Friars.

TRAVEL INFORMATION: British Rail 0345 484950, Greenline Coaches 0870 6087261.

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 The Friars via ECCLES and NOT via Aylesford Village.

