



Welcome

Welcome to our very first Saint Jude Focus. We wanted to create this newsletter so that the friends of Saint Jude could be kept up to date on our work and news at the Shrine in between the quarterly Carmelite News written by the Prior Provincial, Fr Kevin Alban.

Pilgrimage to Canterbury

On 17 November 2018, we went on our first pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral.

Founded in 597, Canterbury Cathedral was completely rebuilt from 1070 to 1077. The east end was greatly enlarged at the beginning of the twelfth century, and largely rebuilt in the Gothic style following a fire in 1174, with significant eastward extensions to accommodate the flow of pilgrims visiting the shrine of Saint Thomas Becket, the archbishop who was murdered in the cathedral in 1170.



After excellent reflections with Fr Ged Walsh at the Shrine, our pilgrims were driven along the old pilgrimage route from Faversham via Harbledown, and then we reached the Westgate of Canterbury. We arrived at the Cathedral just before 2pm, and were welcomed by Father Jim Rosenthal.

Mass was celebrated in the beautiful crypt - the first location of the Shrine of Saint Thomas Becket before it was moved upstairs. Father Kevin Alban celebrated Mass with Father Ged Walsh proclaiming the Gospel. Christine Glistler read the first reading.

Afterwards, we joined many other people in the Evensong celebration, and enjoyed the most beautiful singing and music. This was followed by prayer at the former shrine of Saint Thomas Becket which is overlooked by the tombs of the Black Prince and King Henry IV of England.

Once we caught our coach from outside the city walls, the pilgrimage got back to Faversham and stopped at the fascinating Saint Mary's Church in the town. We were welcomed by Catriona Cuthbert, the Parish Administrator who told us about the history of this ancient church.



We had a wonderful day. Thank you to all the pilgrims who joined us; thank you too to Fr Kevin Alban, Prior Provincial for leading, and to Fr Ged Walsh and Br Tony O'Donnell for joining us. We prayed for all friends of Saint Jude and left any intentions received at the Cathedral.

Did you know?



In religious art Saint Jude is normally shown holding a club, axe or palm branch, the symbols of his martyrdom, or a scroll or book containing his epistle.

Another common attribute in depictions of Jude is to show him holding an image of Jesus, symbolising his relationship to Christ as a blood relative, or a carpenter's rule, showing that he was a follower of Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth. In icons Jude is often shown with a flame around his head, representing his receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost with the other apostles.

The statue of Saint Jude shown above is by Philip Lindsey Clark (1889 - 1977). Jude holds the club and the crucifix - a symbol of his martyrdom and why he was martyred. The statue is in the Shrine Information Centre.

Photo of the Month

Our Photo of the Month is a beautiful autumnal photo of the gardens here at the Shrine and parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It was taken from the Whitefriars building by Fr Brendan Grady, Shrine Chaplain and Parish Priest. We are very lucky to have so much beauty on our doorstep.



Old coins

People often have old foreign coins and banknotes tucked away somewhere in a drawer. If this is you - we are currently looking for a number of coins from the pre-Euro and any old British coins/notes that are no longer in circulation:

Austrian Schilling
Belgian Francs
Deutsche Mark
Dutch Guilders
French Francs
German Marks
Greek Drachmas
Irish Pounds
Italian Lira
Luxembourg Francs
Maltese Lira
Portuguese Escudos
Spanish Pesetas
Slovenian Tolars
Old British coins/notes

If you have any of these, please simply send your coins/notes to **Carmelite Friars, PO Box 289, Faversham, ME13 3BZ**. Please make sure you have the correct postage on anything you send us. Or, alternatively, you can bring your old coins and notes to the Shrine. All those who send us some old coins/notes will receive a complimentary prayer card as a thank you, so please make sure you send it with your address.

When we convert the currency, the money will be used for the work of the Shrine and the Carmelites in Britain and abroad.

Christmas Cards

The Shrine produces various Christmas cards and novenas - they are all exclusively designed by and to raise money for the Carmelites. Each Christmas card pack includes envelopes.

Please order Christmas card packs and novenas by 14 December for delivery before Christmas. Thank you.

Church Roof

In May 2018, a storm caused massive damage to the suspended ceiling in the church. There are also a number of repairs required to the church and shrine buildings to make them safe - windows, guttering, doors and work on the building.

In addition, the paths around the Shrine Information Centre and Welcome Centre are in need of repair so that our pilgrims can remain safe when they visit us.

Work has now begun on these repairs. We would appreciate help from the friends of Saint Jude. If you can help, please send your donation to:

2018 Annual Fund, Carmelite Friars, PO Box 289, FAVERSHAM, Kent, ME13 3BZ

Prayer

Glorious apostle, martyr and relative of Jesus, Saint Jude Thaddeus, who spread the Good News among distant nations; who won to the obedience of Jesus Christ many peoples by the power of his Holy Word; grant, I beseech you, from this day, that I may renounce every sinful habit, that I may be preserved from all evil thoughts, that I may love my neighbour as myself, that I may always obtain your assistance, particularly in every danger and difficulty, and that I may safely reach the heavenly country, with you, to adore the most Holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Thank you

Thank you for your recent and continued support of the Shrine and the Carmelites. May we wish you a very happy Advent.

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