

News from the Shrine of Saint Jude

Welcome



Welcome to the latest issue of *Saint Jude Focus* - updating the friends of Saint Jude on what is happening in Faversham.


2021 started with a repeat of March 2020 as we are once again in a lockdown. However, this is only done for the safety of the community. We pray that there will soon be an end to this Pandemic and that we can once again be with our family and friends.

Father Kevin Alban, O.Carm

The British Province of Carmelites renews its thanks for your prayers and best wishes for Father Kevin (Prior Provincial of the British Province).

On 13 January, Fr Kevin underwent surgery which was successful. He will continue to have more tests and treatment in the coming weeks. He continues to be comfortable and well cared for in the Intensive Treatment Unit.

Please continue to pray for him.



**A message of hope
for today**

National Shrine
of St Jude



Old coins

Nowadays – especially in these Pandemic times – how often do you use coins to pay for goods? Only two years ago, the UK Government had considered getting rid of 1p and 2p coins. For charities including our own, we have two reasons to be grateful for coins: first, like many charities, we have always been happy to receive a bag of 1p coins because all donations help us in our work.

Secondly and since 2015, we have been collecting old UK coins and foreign coins as we are able to convert them to money for the charity. Once again in 2020, our donors found coins to help us out and we were really pleased to hear that this week that all these old UK and foreign coins are worth over £500! Isn't it amazing that coins which are collecting dust in an old draw can give us this much for a good cause?

Thank you to all the friends of Saint Jude for sending in your old coins and helping us to reach this amount, which will go towards the work of the Carmelites in the UK and abroad. If you have any unwanted coins in a draw – please send to us. Thank you.







Praying with us at home

As many of us have returned to a full lockdown, we have restarted our weekly prayers and reflections every Friday at 11am at www.praywithjude.co.uk

In addition, we have indexed all our previous and present reflections into themes and date order. The themes are:

- Good thoughts and ideas
- Saint Jude
- Carmelite Saints and Spirituality
- God
- Our Lady
- The Gospel
- Other Saints who can help us

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