

June - August 2019

## Welcome

Welcome to our third Saint Jude Focus. We have created this newsletter so that the friends of Saint Jude can be kept up to date on our work and news at the Shrine in between the quarterly Carmelite News written by the Prior Provincial.

## Saint Jude at home



There is still time to subscribe to our new initiative, *Saint Jude at home*. Authors writing future reflections, include: Fr Kevin Alban, O.Carm (Prior Provincial); Fr Ged Walsh, O.Carm; Dr Johan Bergström-Allen (TOC); Fr Nicholas King, SJ; Fr Kevin Melody, O.Carm; and Rev. Hugh Parry; plus many more in the pipework..

At the end of each month, subscribers will receive a pack of reflections on a theme written by a new writer. It is hoped that these reflections and prayers will help each of us in our daily lives with Saint Jude at home.

Please write to our PO Box to sign up to this new initiative.

#### Did you know?

Very little is known about Saint Jude's life after the death and resurrection of Jesus, but there is plenty of legendary material to fill the gap! It is not for this

newsletter to go into detail on that, but the ancient tradition of the Church is that he preached the Gospel in the Middle East, namely Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, Libya, Beirut and Edessa. After preaching about the Good News of God's love for all, Jude died as a martyr - probably with Saint Simon giving his life in witness to Jesus Christ.

In AD 700, his relics, together with those of Saint Simon (who shares the same Feast Day), were conveyed to Rome and installed in the old Vatican Basilica. Benedict the Canon records that the cult was popular in Rome during the twelfth century, and he tells us that two altars under which the relics of the saints rested were incensed during solemn night vigils. When Saint Peter's Basilica was rebuilt, the relics were reestablished on 27 December 1665 under a single altar in the north transept of the new basilica. The altar (pictured below) is directly over the spot where modern archaeological investigations suggest Saint Peter was actually crucified.



# Help us through recycling!

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 age and any old British coins/ notes that are no longer in circulation. When we convert the currency, the money will be used for the work of the

Shrine and the Carmelites in Britain and abroad.

Plus... you can now recycle your printer cartridges with the Shrine of Saint Jude via the Recycling Factory. This company recycles over 8 million inkjet and toner cartridges. Each one they receive on our behalf, the company will then donate to our fund. You can send your cartridges to: Freepost, RSYA-SZBS-LRTL, The Recycling Factory, Marsha Lane, Boston, PE21 7TX.

Thank you.

## Saint Jude wordsearch

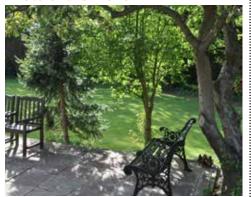
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## Can you find?

APOSTLE	KOSSOWSKI
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CARMEL	PRAGUE
CARMELITE	PRAYER
FRIAR	REPOSITORY
JESUS	TESTAMENT
JUDE	TITUS

Good luck!

#### Photo of the Month



The photos show two parts of the beautiful gardens here at the Shrine and parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



The photos were taken by Fr Brendan Grady, Shrine Chaplain and Parish Priest. We are very lucky to have so much beauty on our doorstep. Thanks must go to Brother Anthony O'Donnell, O.Carm who tends to the gardens most days (come rain or shine!).

In the gardens is the Rosary Way. The Rosary Way is the most peaceful part of the Shrine, where visitors come to pray and reflect. As you wind your way along the Rosary Way, you are following in the footsteps of hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who have walked this trail in prayer, stopping at each of the Fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary displayed around the gardens.

Read more about the Shrine, here: www.stjudeshrine.org.uk/about/

### **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.

# **New Prayer Book**

The new Saint Jude prayer book can be purchased from the Shrine in hardback and paperback.

This little prayer book (pictured below) contains a brief biography, history of devotion to the Saint, and of the shrine, common Catholic prayers, litanies, hymns and prayers of intercession to Saint Jude, and a selection of Carmelite prayers. Produced by the National Shrine of Saint Jude.



#### **Future events**

Reflection and Prayer with Saint Jude
- these were a great success last year.
Each reflection and prayer with Saint

Each reflection and prayer with Saint Jude, includes Mass, talk on a theme, and prayers together.

The Reflections are taking place on Saturday 6 July; Saturday 3 August; Saturday 7 September; and Saturday 16 November 2019. Each day starts at 11am and finishes at 1pm. All welcome.

**Feast of Saint Jude** - the feast day is the high point of the calendar and hundreds of pilgrims come here in devotion to the Apostle. All welcome to come and celebrate this special time with God and with one another, in the company of the Carmelites.

The programme of activities during the feast includes regular celebrations of the Eucharist, blessings with the oil of Saint Jude, and other devotions. During the celebrations there is a piety stall, a display of Carmelite books, and light refreshments are available: **26, 27, 28 October 2019** 

## Thank you

Thank you for your recent and continued support of the Shrine and the Carmelites.

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