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**News from the Shrine of Saint Jude - July/August 2023**



**Feast of Saint Jude  
28 - 29 October 2023**

**Saturday 28 October (FEAST DAY)**

- 12.30pm - Saint Jude Mass
- 2.30pm - Saint Jude Mass
- 4.30pm - Saint Jude Mass

**Sunday 29 October**

- 12.30pm - Saint Jude Mass
- 3.00pm - Saint Jude Mass

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Please call 01795 539 214 for more  
information**



# WELCOME

**WELCOME TO THE JUNE/JULY issue of *Saint Jude Focus*** - updating the friends of Saint Jude on what is happening here in Faversham as well as future events.

Welcome too to the first of our newly designed and expanded editions of the Focus. We really hope you enjoy the read and please do let us know if you like the new design.

Saint Jude is a friend to each of us and is the Patron Saint of Hope. No other saint has the same appeal - Jude knew Jesus and he was one of his closest friends, and Jude is a friend of ours whenever we need it.

Please come and see us this summer or come and join us for the brilliant Feast of Saint Jude in October.

Thank you for your continued support of the Shrine of Saint Jude and the Carmelite Order.

*Matt*



# HALF WAY

**WE ARE PAST THE HALF WAY mark** of 2023 and find ourselves in July. How does each year get faster every year? Whether you want to make the most of the sun or escape the heat, the Shrine of Saint Jude is the perfect place to visit!

Here are some of (many) reasons:

- » Beautiful grounds with plenty of shade.
- » Refreshingly cool shrine.
- » Free fun for young explorers.
- » Enjoy the outside with the Rosary Way, Whitefriars Contemplative Gardens, and Garden of Hope.
- » Read about our history at the Shrine Information Centre.
- » Purchase books for reading.
- » Visit the beautiful town of Faversham, too.

And remember, please do call us on 01795 539 214 or [shrineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk](mailto:shrineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk) if you want to visit as a pilgrimage group or individually. All are welcome.



# *Pilgrimage to Canterbury*

ON SATURDAY 22 JULY, we headed to the beautiful medieval city of Canterbury.

Why is Canterbury so interesting? And why are we visiting on pilgrimage from Faversham?

First, it is the closest city to Faversham and the grandest. For many centuries, Faversham was part of a pilgrimage route to Canterbury – and many a king has passed through Faversham on their way. Canterbury has been occupied since Paleolithic times and served as the capital of the Celtic Cantiaci

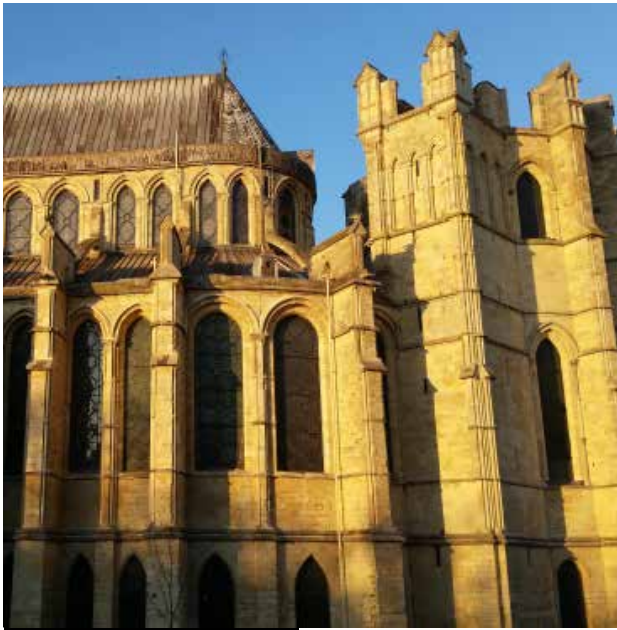
and Jute Kingdom of Kent. Many historical structures fill the area, including a Roman city wall, the ruins of Saint Augustine's Abbey and a Norman castle, and the oldest extant school in the world, the King's School.

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.

The shrine was eventually destroyed in 1538, during the Dissolution of the Monasteries, on orders from King Henry VIII. The king also ordered that Becket's bones were to be destroyed and ordered that all mention of Becket's name be obliterated.

Fortunately, this tactic failed, and Becket is still remembered today. It is now possible to visit a candle which marks the place of the old shrine.



Canterbury Cathedral

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The Cathedral from the Cloisters

It is also possible to visit a modern sculpture marking the spot of Saint Thomas Becket's martyrdom. The sculpture was installed in 1986, and the dramatic sculpture represents four swords for the four knights (two metal swords with reddened tips and their two shadows). The design is the work of Giles Blomfield of Truro.

Before the sculpture was installed, Saint Pope John Paul II knelt and prayed with the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1982 and a plaque can be seen there.

In addition to places associated with Saint Thomas Becket, the visitor can see the tombs of King

Henry IV of England; the great medieval hero, the Black Prince; and various tombs of some archbishops of Canterbury. As a small aside: King Henry IV's son, King Henry V, had two Carmelite friars as confessors: Stephen Patrington and Thomas Netter.

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WE HAD A WONDERFUL time with friends of Saint Jude and the Carmelites who joined us on 22 July 2023. Our photos can be seen by visiting our website. After lunch in Faversham, we journeyed to Canterbury where Fr. Brendan Grady celebrated Mass and asked us all to be ambassadors of Saint Jude. Afterwards, we enjoyed a tour of the cathedral looking at the old and the new shrine of Saint Thomas Becket, as well as the tombs of Archbishops and Kings.



Couldn't join us on the Pilgrimage? Why not join us virtually? Visit [www.stjudeshrine.org.uk](http://www.stjudeshrine.org.uk) to watch the Mass and pray with us.



## *Supporting the Shrine*

**T**HANK YOU FOR ALL your support so far this year. Since the 1950s, the Shrine of Saint Jude has been a centre of devotion to our favourite Apostle.

Prayers and donations received at the Shrine have enabled the charity to support the presence and ministries of the Carmelite Friars in Great Britain and worldwide.

We rely on the generosity of people like you to fund our work which builds up God's Church. However, we know too that these are difficult times for all of

us. We wanted to let you know about some other ways to help us to raise much needed funds for the Shrine and Order. Here are just two:

### **TERRACYCLE**

Terracycle is able to recycle and reuse many items that are often unrecyclable. The Shrine is a public collection point for various bits, which we send away - this rubbish is then turned into a donation for our work. You can send us:

Babybel - Biscuit, cracker & cake wrappers - Bread Bags - Chocolate Wrappers

- Cheese Packaging - Dishwasher, Cleaning and Fragrance flexible packaging - Ferrero - Flash Wipes Cloths & Pads - Hasbro Toys - Kinder Eggs - Lavazza Eco Caps - Pringle Tubes

### **OLD STAMPS & COINS**

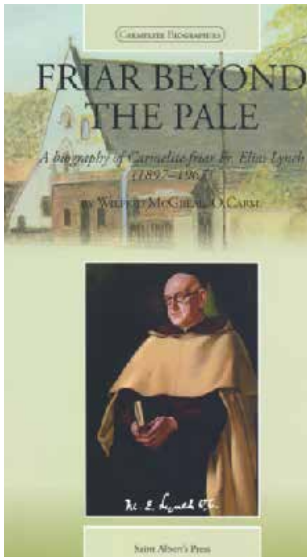
Simply tear a used stamp from the envelope and send to us at the Shrine Office. We can also raise money from old British and worldwide coins.

Please send any of these items to the Shrine Office - and THANK YOU.



# Book of the Month

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heart and soul to readers in the English county of Kent, his native Ireland, and throughout the world. At a time when the Carmelite Order, the Church, and society were in constant change. Elias shares with us his personal reflections in a way that is at once poignant, often humorous, and always warm...

In one of his letters, Elias said: *"If we do not leave behind us something, however imperfectly expressed, as a memory of the Carmelites of our time. [They'll] say, 'This is what a Carmelite of 1961 thought and did'".* And now we can!

The life and insights of Elias Lynch are presented to us by Fr. Wilfrid McGreal, O.Carm. Fr. Wilfrid was the Parish Priest in Faversham, where Fr. Elias worked and ministered for more than thirty years.

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THROUGH HIS LETTERS to fellow friars, and through his newsletter, Fr. Elias Lynch - founder of the Shrine of Saint Jude - communicated his

For the whole of July/August, this book is for sale at £3.50 (30% off) - to purchase call 01795 539 214; or visit <https://tinyurl.com/FriarJude>; or please write and include £1.50 for a postage donation.

## Become a member of the Guild of Saint Jude TODAY

1. Members share in the daily Masses
2. Members share in special Masses
3. Members share in our daily prayers
4. Members receive a Handbook of Devotions
5. And support the Shrine of Saint Jude

Membership is open to all those who have a devotion to Saint Jude

<https://tinyurl.com/GuildSaintJude>

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## Easter Week 2024


- Young Adults 20s & 30s
- Time to walk and share together
- Walking the last 70 miles
- 7 days (5 days walking)
- Approx. cost £ 500


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THE WAY OF ST JAMES PILGRIMAGE

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