

SAINT JUDE FOCUS

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News from the Shrine of Saint Jude - October/November 2023



Feast of Saint Jude

28 - 29 October 2023

Saturday 28 October (FEAST DAY)

12.30pm & 2.30pm & 4.30pm

Saint Jude Mass, followed by anointing

Sunday 29 October

12.30pm & 3.00pm

Saint Jude Mass, followed by anointing

ALL ARE WELCOME. Please call 01795 539 214 if you need to book a large group.





WELCOME

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

This is only the second of our newly designed and expanded edition of the Focus.

Fr. Brendan recently reminded us that as Saint Jude became a personal and intimate friend of Christ, he increasingly understood and loved Jesus. This meant that after the Resurrection, Jude was able to preach the life of hope that Jesus offered. By being friends of the Shrine, we continue the work of Saint Jude by being Ambassadors of hope.

Please take a look at our various events within these pages: including online events. Please join us if you can.

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

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FEAST

THE WORD FEAST COMES FROM the Latin word *festes*, meaning 'joy' and symbolises a time of celebration. The Church has a year of feast days in this sense, partnered together with holy days of obligation and saints' days and days devoted to expressions of God's love in the lives of Jesus and his mother, Mary.

At the Shrine of Saint Jude, we celebrate a number of feasts, but a particular highlight of the year is the Feast of Saint Jude. If you have never been to see us, why not join us over the weekend of 28/29 October 2023 - you will be very welcome!

All visitors to the Shrine feel a true sense of community and hope.

And remember, please do call us on 01795 539 214 or shrineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk if you want to visit as a pilgrimage group or individually during the weekend. All are welcome.



Hope

HOPE IS WHAT GETS US through the darkness; and it is not the same as being “optimistic”. Our source of hope is not the gloomy insight that *“things can’t possibly get any worse; so they must get better”*. Rather it is the entirely cheerful certainty that God has raised Jesus from the dead, so everything is all right, no matter how dark things may appear.

Paul is the go-to person here. The word *“hope”* appears four times in the very first of his letters, 1 Thessalonians. Twice (1:3;

5:8) it appears as part of his great triad of *“faith, hope and love”*; and you may remember the same pattern at 1 Corinthians 13:13 (*“there remain faith, hope and love, these three...”*) and a rather more elaborate version at Galatians 5:5-6 *“by the Spirit, as a result of faith, we are waiting for the hope of justification... which works through love”*. And he is able to see grounds for hope, at the moment of Jesus’ coming, in the very fact of the Thessalonian community: *“who is our hope, or joy, or crown of boasting – isn’t it you people also?”*

(2:19). The connection with Resurrection is made absolutely clear in the fourth use of the word in 1 Thessalonians, at 4:13, where he wants the Thessalonians *“not to be ignorant about those who have fallen asleep – you are not to grieve like the others, who have no hope”*. Here we are clearly talking about life after death.

Paul comes back to the idea in Romans 5:1-5 and 8:23-24; the grounds here are what God has done for us: *“we have been justified as a result of faith, and we have peace with God*



Canterbury Cathedral

“...the love of God is poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit...”



God loves you

through our Lord Jesus Christ”, before he speaks of our ability to “boast in the hope of God’s glory”, and therefore even to put up with “tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings endurance and endurance brings calibre, and calibre brings about hope, and hope is not ashamed because the love of God is poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit that was given us”. Here, once again, hope is a matter of recognising what God has done in Christ; and the same is true when we come to the end of this section, when Paul points to the idea of hope deep in God’s creation: “We know that the whole of creation groans together, and is

in labour pains together, right down to the present moment”... and we share the groaning, but in fact “we were saved by hope; but hope that is seen is not hope. (For who hopes for what they can see?). Now if we are hoping for what we cannot see, then we are eagerly awaiting in endurance”. The point, then, is that hope comes because of what we have glimpsed about God. That is what Abraham does, according to Paul (see Romans 4:18-21), “hoping against hope”; and it is all about what God does and has already done in our lives. That is, according to Paul, what Scripture gives us: “it was written for our teaching, in order that through the endurance and comfort that the scriptures give we might have hope”. And hope gives us a cheerful and generous confidence: “So since we have such a great hope, we have huge confidence”. It is all about the sense of God at work in our lives. Have you felt God at work in your lives? And has that given you hope?

Fr. Nicholas King, SJ

This reflection was originally written for the Saint Jude website. Thank you Fr. Nicholas.



Jude Everywhere

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THIS YEAR, WE ARE going to try something new and we need your help for our initiative 'Jude Everywhere'.

This December, can you walk twelve miles wherever you are for our 'Jude Everywhere' sponsored walk? Walk the twelve miles one day, over a week, or over the month of December. Whatever you like!

By joining us for 'Jude Everywhere', you could help fund the work of the Shrine and the Carmelites across the UK and around the world. We can't do

any of this important work without you.

Together we can spread the mission of Saint Jude and be ambassadors of hope!

If you would like to join us, please sign up via shrineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk, or call 01795 539 214 and we can send you a sponsored walk form. Alternatively, you can raise the money and then add your donation via our online donation site, here:

<https://carmelite.enthusie.com/JudeEverywhere>

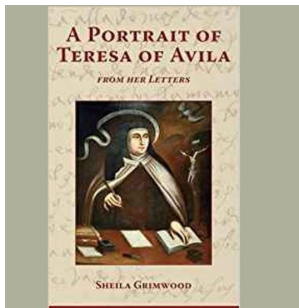
If you can't join us, but would like to support this initiative, please simply donate via the link above or send your donation to our address. THANK YOU.



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Book of the Month

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Saint Teresa of Avila continues to fascinate and inspire people around the world, even 500 years after her birth.

The books of this Spanish Carmelite nun are widely acknowledged as classics

of the Christian mystical tradition.

However, Teresa also wrote hundreds of letters, which gave us an immediate impression of her passion, humanity, temperament, humour, determination, and her closeness to God. Teresa's style of writing is direct and immediate. By expressing her joys and sorrows, Teresa helps us to see that being human is to be flawed and fallible, but this does not preclude us from pursuing, and in some measure attaining,

the way of perfection.

In this insightful and engaging book, Grimwood explores Teresa's correspondence to help us appreciate the Carmelite reformer and innovator as a real woman with important things to say to our age as well as her own.

For the whole of October/ November, this book is for sale at £2.05 (30% off) - to purchase call 01795 539 214; or visit <https://tinyurl.com/PortraitofTeresaJude>; or please write and include £1.50 for a postage donation.

Online Novena to Saint Jude 20 - 28 October 2023

Join us on Zoom each day & pray with the Carmelites:
www.TogetherwithJude.org

Meeting ID: 814 8586 0986
Passcode: 299464



Plus all are welcome to join us at our Feast celebrations in Faversham on 28 - 29 October 2023. More information: www.stjudeshrine.org.uk or call 01795 539 214.


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It is thanks to so many of the legacies of the past that we have been able to continue our work, building God's Kingdom on earth even when your earthly life is over.

Please call 01795 539 214, scan the QR Code, or visit www.stjudeshrine.org.uk for more information.



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