

# The Carmelite News

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## THE SHRINE OF ST. JUDE.

**T**HE first news we give you of the Shrine of St. Jude is sad. Mr. Anthony Foster, the sculptor, died on March 15th at the age of forty-seven.

"The sudden death of Anthony Foster, sculptor and letter-carver, is a loss for the English Catholic community as well as for his young family and the friends who loved and admired him. A pupil of Eric Gill, to whose ideals he always remained devoted, Anthony Foster had come to be recognised as one of the best Christian artists of his time in England. His work has an unsensational beauty reflecting the gentle and deeply religious nature of its source. The spiritual quality, expressed with the skill of a trained craftsman, deserves to outlive many more sensational products of our time. To his fellow-Catholics at least, this artist who always shunned publicity, working in poverty and hampered by continual ill-health, has left a small treasure of fine carving of which they can be proud and for which they should be grateful."

*(The Tablet—March 23rd, 1957.)*

Anthony Foster carved for the Shrine of St. Jude the panels of the twelve Apostles in Portland stone and also the baptismal font. We are very proud to have in the Shrine of St. Jude such beautiful examples of his work.

Perhaps our most treasured possession is the little plaque of the Madonna which has been erected in the hallway of Delbridge House Club. It is one of the sweetest and tenderest tributes in stone to Our Blessed Lady that I have ever seen. Not all our Club members are art minded, but it is remarkable to see its influence upon them. They stand and look at it, and evidently regard it with a certain awe.

It is remarkable how faith can sustain, not merely an artist, but a mother of children. I had a letter from his wife to say that she is proud to be the mother of his six children, that he was a perfect father and that she is not in any way discouraged at the size of her problem.

You remember the long list of things we gave in our last issue that we required for the Shrine of St. Jude. Our generous clients have made this list considerably smaller. Now nothing is left except the Street Sign, the Mosaic behind the altar, the Reliquary and only one window—Our Lady of Mount Carmel as She appeared in Fatima.

Any further donations that come in towards the Shrine will be used to pay off the cost of the Reliquary.

There is something interesting about the Reliquary. It came from a famous collection, it is in Flemish silver dated 1547. How it came to England and became part of a famous collection is hidden from us. Anyway, there was great danger of its being purchased by America and it was suggested to me that I should buy it for the Shrine of St. Jude. The price was £780. That seemed far too much, even for me; so I said, "God is good, but one must not push Him too far." I said I would buy it for £500. To my astonishment they said, "yes"—but it took them a little time to do so. So, we have the Reliquary. I haven't got the figures at my hand but I think that some £200 has been subscribed towards it already. We are very proud to have such a remarkable example of Flemish silver craftsmanship in our Shrine.

We had to get a display case made for it out of hard wood and plate glass. A good lady since we wrote to you last,



donated the full sum. We would like to thank her and all the others who gave us their support.

Now, we come to the Mosaic.

Behind the statue there is curved a half circle and the intention was to cover it with mosaic. It happens that the man who designed the Shrine is a mosaic artist. It is very expensive work, but we gave him the job. I gave a ceiling of £500 total cost—if we don't pay for it this year, then we will pay for it next year, but it will be worth while to have something really colourful and rich for the background of the statue.

For the rest, the new stained glass windows by Richard King are now completed and have been erected. They make the place shine like a jewel. He, too, is a wonderful artist and we are very proud to have examples of his work in our Shrine.

We are receiving many enquiries from Catholic Societies all over England who wish to visit the Shrine. They are principally coach pilgrimages, but we like them that size because we have not enough room to manoeuvre large parties of the faithful.



## ST. JUDE CIRCLES.

**M**ANY young people and some adults are writing to know if they can found a circle in honour of St. Jude in connection with his Shrine at Faversham. Of course we are glad when anyone wishes to do this and we gladly give our permission.

Young people can hardly be expected to pay the full membership fee of 5/- a year, but that is not necessary, they do what they can. Maybe it is an idea that will catch on even more widely than now. Sixpence each for children.

We have a very good picture of St. Jude that can be erected in homes, and our prayer leaflets are well printed in colour.

What about youth circles in honour of St. Jude? The '*Carmelite News*' could be sent in one enclosure to the Promoter to save postal costs. Let us see!



## WHO COMES TO FATIMA.

*Release for Catholic papers on Congress  
Cardinal Piazza to preside at  
Carmelite Congress*

**H**IS Eminence, Cardinal Piazza, will preside at the First International Congress of the Carmelite Third Order, August 13—15 in Fatima. The Congress will coincide with the formal opening of the new Carmelite International Centre which will be dedicated to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Blessed Nuno Alvares Pereira. The Centre was built at the

suggestion of Sister Lucy to commemorate the apparition of Our Lady in the Habit of Carmel. The B. Nuno is the national hero of Portuguese independence. After the famous battles of Aljubarrota and Valverde that freed his country from Castilian domination, he became an humble Lay Brother in the Carmel of Lisbon where he died in 1342. One of his descendants was Catherine of Aragon, wife of Henry VIII of England. Over a thousand delegates from the various provinces of the Order are expected. The theme of the Conferences is the Spiritual Life and the Apostolate of the Third Order of Carmel. An all-night Vigil for the peace of the world will be kept in preparation for the feast of the Assumption. His Eminence will sing Pontifical Mass at 11 o'clock on the Feast and the Congress will close that same afternoon with a Discourse by him and Solemn Pontifical Benediction.



## CATTLE BREEDING.

**I**RELAND is a great cattle breeding country. Cattle grow fat upon the rich land of the midlands. Perhaps it makes the best beef in the world—the reason being that the cattle do not walk the beef off themselves in trying to catch up with a meal. It is reckoned that a Texas steer walks about 2,000 miles to crop the sage and reach water before it is due for slaughter.

Cattle in France and Italy never make prime beef because they are usually oxen who have spent their lives dragging a



plough or pulling a cart. Irish cattle make beef without too much muscle. American beef cannot be compared to it. Much English beef comes from Irish stores that have been fattened up. It is said that one king of Munster owned a 100,000 head of cattle, which is a lot of beef.

The Irish were the cowboys of the West. They herded cattle from horseback, each rider carrying a 12' pole. With the pole he guided his horse, turned the cattle, and riding bareback as they did, and without bridle, horsemanship was a matter of holding on with the knees. It is said that the old Irish cowboys could kill a steer with a blow of his pole on the forehead.

There is a great cattle state in Mexico called Chihuahua (try to pronounce that.) It has always been a rich cattle state—with, or without foot and mouth disease. The great name in the state is Luis Terrazas. Some years ago he received an order for 10,000 head of cattle. He promptly wired the buyer, "What colour?" Somebody in the state imported a new breed of steers to improve the breed, but these animals brought with them the dreaded foot and mouth disease. The American border was instantly closed and cattle were slaughtered by the thousand. Now the disease has been stamped out.

The state has the tallest men and the most beautiful women and the best natured people on earth. It also has the skinniest, the baldest and the smallest dogs on earth. How comes it? The dogs are so small that they can fit in a mug.

Talking of dogs—I have long had a desire to possess a Yorkshire terrier. I hear that the place to get them is around Doncaster. These dogs were bred as rat-terers and they are supposed to be small enough to get into a rat hole and pull the rat out. The miners in Yorkshire are very fond of them and take great pride in them. I just want a dog small enough to guard the car.



### THANKS

333 KENILWORTH ANENUE,  
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA.  
9-1-57.

Dear Reverend Father,  
I enclose a long promised offering in

thanksgiving to St. Jude for a great favour received through his intercession.

I was in great financial difficulties last year and asked St. Jude for assistance, promising to send an offering, also to have my thanks published if your house prints a magazine.

My request was granted so now I am gratefully fulfilling my promise.

For some time now I have had devotion to St. Jude. It began when a friend gave me a Novena leaflet. This I unfortunately lost and I had also moved away from home and lost contact with the friend who gave it to me.

Some years later I had a desire to renew my prayers to St. Jude but nobody seemed to have the leaflet. As if in answer to a prayer my small nephew came home from school with two of the self same leaflets he had found on the road. I still have one of these and I gave the other to a friend.

I will be grateful if you could send me some more if that is possible. Will you please include me in your prayers.

Thanking you.

I am yours sincerely,

(Miss) STELLA SMYTH.

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HONG KONG.

December, 1956.

Dear Father Lynch,

Here is a subscription in honour of St. Jude and a thanksgiving Mass in honour of St. Lucy.

Some time ago my daughter nearly lost her eyesight. I took her to an eye specialist without any success, it became worse and worse. Then it was found that the ulcers in her eyes were caused by splinters, but how they got in there no-one knew. I prayed to St. Lucy on the advice of the doctor and now her eyesight is perfectly normal.

You may publish this cure through the intercession of St. Lucy and my daughter's name, Gloria Soares.

Yours gratefully,

BERTHA JOANA SOARES.

*P.S. St. Lucy is the patroness of those who suffer from failing eyesight. Her eyes were taken out by the orders of a Roman Emperor, but God replaced them by a miracle.*



Grateful thanks to the Sacred Heart,  
Our Lady and the Saints.

HANNAH O'LEARY.

Thanksgiving Fr. Titus Brandsma.

G. HEMANS.

Grateful thanks Sacred Heart, Our  
Lady of Knock and Divine Infant of  
Prague.

E. FAHY.

Grateful thanks to Our Lady and St.  
Jude.

R.C.B.

Thanks to Our Lady and St. Jude.

ANON.

Thanksgiving to St. Jude for favours  
received.

B. MURRAY.

Thanksgiving for wonderful favour  
through St. Jude.

B. CORBETT.

Thanks to St. Jude. "Release from  
worry."

JOSEPHINE FAVA, Malta.

Thanks to Our Lady of the Rosary  
and St. Jude.

ANON, Birmingham, 16.

Thanks to Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
and St. Jude.

D. DEEPROSE.

Thanksgiving to St. Jude.

M. T. UNSWORTH, Hayton.

B. CARNEY, Dar-er-Salaam.

K. ANNANDALE.

Thanksgiving to St. Jude, Immaculate  
Heart of Mary, St. Pius and St. Martin.

B. DEVLIN.

Thanks to Our Lady of Lourdes, Our  
Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude for  
good account of X-ray.

K. L. KINSALE.

Sincere and heartfelt thanks for favours  
received.

Mrs. N. DALY.



The customer complained to the fish-  
monger that the herrings were thin and  
tired looking. "Well, what can you ex-  
pect," said the fishmonger, "since they  
closed the Suez Canal they have had to  
swim around the Cape."

## OUR COMING NOVENAS

SACRED HEART OF JESUS	- -	June 20th — 28th
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL	- -	July 8th — 16th
ST. ANNE & OUR LADY	- -	July 18th — 26th
ST. PHILOMENA	- - - -	Aug. 3rd — 11th

## OUR BURSES.

	<i>Already acknowledged.</i>				<i>Increase.</i>		
The St. Jude Burse No. 2	...	£1067	6 8	now	£1117	6 8	
Holy Child of Prague Burse	...	551	9 3		558	9 3	
The Holy Face Burse	...	173	9 4		174	15 4	
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Burse		250	18 6		253	18 6	
Little Flower Burse	...	210	12 6		213	12 6	
St. Anne Burse	...	64	13 6		66	3 6	
St. Anthony Burse	...	137	15 6		139	5 6	
St. Martha Burse	...	906	16 6		907	16 6	
Sacred Heart Burse	...	622	10 0		624	15 0	
St. Philomena Burse	...	31	18 6		33	8 6	
Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Burse		60	10 0		61	15 0	
Our Lady of Dolours Burse	...	19	0 6		21	0 6	
St. Pius X Burse	...	11	0 0		14	10 0	
Immaculate Heart of Mary Burse		21	5 6		24	13 6	
Fr. Titus Brandsma Burse	...	14	5 0		16	7 6	
St. Joseph Burse	...	12	0 0		13	10 0	

Our Lady keep you! Yours in Carmel

M. E. Lynch O.C.



# *The Carmelite News*

## SUPPLEMENT

### THE SHRINE OF ST. JUDE.

**W**E are getting quite a number of pilgrims to the Shrine of St. Jude. It looks very fine now. All the stained glass windows are up and they look magnificent—rich reds and blues and a design that is a compromise between the conventional and the modern. All the windows have been donated.

The street sign has been donated as well. I thought that that would be a hard nut to crack, but it wasn't. It is a very fine piece of metal work from the "Fleur-de-Lis" Hotel in Canterbury. I bought the hangers too, but I cannot get them until they pull the hotel down, which may be never. Do you know it is almost impossible to buy a telegraph pole? But I got one in the end.

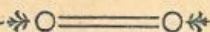
Sister Barbara, of the Institute of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in Allington Castle, has made three ceramics for the altar. They show the Crucifixion with two adoring angels. They cost £15 each and remain to be donated. She will do two other ceramics one showing St. Jude preaching, and the other his martyrdom. They will flank the entrance to the Chapel; much larger—they will cost about £45 each. Sister Barbara works more for the love of God than for money, but such people take twice as long to do a thing as others. Yet, it is worth the patience involved.

The Mosaic behind the St. Jude statue is going up at the moment. I never

thought that mosaic involved such complicated and meticulous piecing together. I gave the artist a ceiling of £500 to do the job, of which £220 has already been subscribed. We are hoping that it will be finished by the end of August.

I didn't tell you about the Monstrance that holds the relic of St. Jude. It is called the Oscot Monstrance. It is the work of a Flemish silversmith dated 1547 and is an exceedingly beautiful piece of Flemish silver work. It came from a collection that was being sold, but there was some desire that the Monstrance should remain in England and be used in a Catholic church. I enquired the cost of it and found that the Committee in charge of the sale expected £780—that is a lot of money. I didn't have £780, but I hedged and said, "No, it is quite impossible. I can't offer more than £500." To my surprise and *consternation* they gave it to me, to save it going to America.

So there you are; I had a Monstrance that was a magnificent piece of silver and I paid for it gradually. I didn't spare myself in criticism, but I mentioned it in the "*Carmelite News*" and various members subscribed £227 towards it. Last week a woman gave me a valuable bracelet which was a bequest from a friend of St. Jude. Imagine my amazement when I found that the bracelet itself was worth over £500. The other things for the Shrine will come too, if we have patience. The Mosaic is the trouble now.



### A NEW ST. JUDE BOOKLET.

**W**E are publishing a booklet on the life of St. Jude, a commentary on his Epistle, and we hope to have it on sale for his Feast Day, October 28th. It is the first really constructive work published on the Saint. We hope to sell it at 1/- and leave a possible profit of 3d on each copy. It will mean printing and

selling 10,000 copies to cover our overheads. We hope that it will be popular. Five years to get our overheads back.

Please let all who honour St. Jude write to us for his Feast Day, October 28th. There will be a Triduum in preparation for the Feast, followed by a sung Mass at the Shrine.



## THE DEAD LIST.

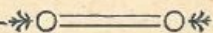
**N**OVEMBER is the month of the Holy Souls. The month in which we recall deceased members of our families, our friends, and those who are in need of prayers. The Holy Souls devotion provides the great link between the living and the dead. In one way there is no such thing as dead people—they are merely in God's keeping as we will be. No man's memory persists on the earth, it seems that his bones are safe only when he is buried in the ground.

I remember the story of Cyrus, the greatest of all the Persian Emperors, and one of the most enlightened rulers in the history of mankind. A man so remarkable that it would be a blessing if the world could see his like again. He conquered Jerusalem, and left the Jews in the enjoyment of their liberties and of their religion. He conquered the Eastern world, but he conquered, to liberate it from the savagery of its oppressors. He died 530 years before Christ and was buried near Persepolis. Here was a magnificent garden enclosed by a high wall. His tomb was unpretentious, a small stone building with six steps leading up to it, and over the entrance there was an inscription: - - - - "O man, whoever you are and whenever you come, for I know that you will come, know that I am Cyrus, who gave the Persians their empire. Do not grudge me this patch of earth that covers my body."

To-day, his golden sarcophagus has gone, the inscription has gone—the stone building remains, a desert ruin; and the lion is still lord of the chase where once the armies of Persia halted to bury their lord. Had he been buried below ground, the sands of the desert would have gathered over him until the day of resurrection. Don't poke your head over the ground when you are dead.

You can't take it with you! There are many good people in the world who make good use of their money and who do pay tribute to God. Many give no thought to it at all; **they try to take it with them.** Empty we came, and empty we shall go, but we do have some assurance that the wind won't blow the dust of our bones into the eyes of the passing traveller. It rains too much in these countries.

I have sat down sometimes at important banquets. Everyday one reads of them in the City of London—banquets graced by royalty, by the kings of industry and finance, and you hear them thank, even on television, "the God from whom all blessings flow" Yet, how few of those whom God has blessed so abundantly, remember the Giver of all gifts—maybe they suffer from the "bug" introduced into the world by American "know how"—the belief that men can do it all themselves—with stomach ulcers. They give nothing back, and go to God with empty hands.



## THE LITTLE FLOWER SOCIETY.

**T**HE Feast Day of the Little Flower is October 3rd. She has been rather eclipsed in late years by new saints like Pius X and by the fact that special devotions to saints seem to rise and fall like every other human thing. Yet, our Society persists and there are many staunch friends of St. Teresa. The membership fee of the Society is 5/-.

Can we jog the memories of the clients of the Little Flower to write to us for her Feast Day, October 3rd? There is a novena of preparation and you will find her picture in our novena booklet—it is a picture we have used many times and now we must change it.

## Parade—||♦♦

He went to the priest to take the pledge. "It is going to be hard, Father, but I will do my best." The priest said, "When you are passing a pub and feel inclined to go in, remember that the devil is talking to you, and say, 'Get thee behind me Satan.'"

Sometime later he came to take the pledge again, and the priest said, "Did you not do what I told you John?" "Yes, Father, I did. I said, 'Get thee behind me Satan.' He did, but he pushed me in."

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Did you hear about the I.R.A. man who went to Confession in Northern Ireland? He told the priest that he had blown up part of the railway line. The priest told him he had better go and do the 'Stations.'