



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.

2020 was a very difficult year for everyone, but please rest assured that the Carmelite friars across the UK kept all friends of Saint Jude in their prayers. Thank you too for your continued support of the Shrine and the Carmelite Order - it is very much appreciated in these difficult times.

Fr Kevin Alban, O.Carm

After feeling unwell, Father Kevin was admitted to hospital just before Christmas for tests and scans. Subsequently his condition has deteriorated, and he is now seriously ill. His medical team are working hard to help him.

As you will appreciate, this is a cause of great concern, and so we are asking all who know Father Kevin and friends of the Shrine to pray for him. Please join us in praying that God's healing presence will work powerfully for his good. We thank you for all your support at this time. Thank you.



**A message of hope
for today**

National Shrine
of St Jude



Virtual Feast of Saint Jude

In October, we were very pleased to be able to offer a virtual Feast of Saint Jude over nine days. The theme was "...a message of hope for today..."

Over 'Zoom', we had nine days of novena prayers with various Carmelite friars and lay people, plus two 'coffee afternoons' of reflection and prayer. We were also able to create various videos about the Shrine and we interviewed the marvellous Mayor of Faversham. Finally, we offered some time on YouTube with the relic of Saint Jude.

Sadly our Mass in the Shrine did not show on YouTube very well, but we were able to add a video later that day which had - at least - the sound and some pictures. The Mass was a very spiritual occasion with the Faversham community and the Prior Provincial, and we prayed for all the friends of Saint Jude who were not with us that day.





Thank you to all those who joined us.



Not everything is cancelled..

Sunshine is not cancelled
Love is not cancelled
Friendships are not cancelled
Family are not cancelled
Going for a walk is not cancelled
Kindness is not cancelled
Prayer is not cancelled
Conversations are not cancelled
Talking to God is not cancelled
HOPE IS NOT CANCELLED

Shrine of Saint Jude - a message of hope today
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