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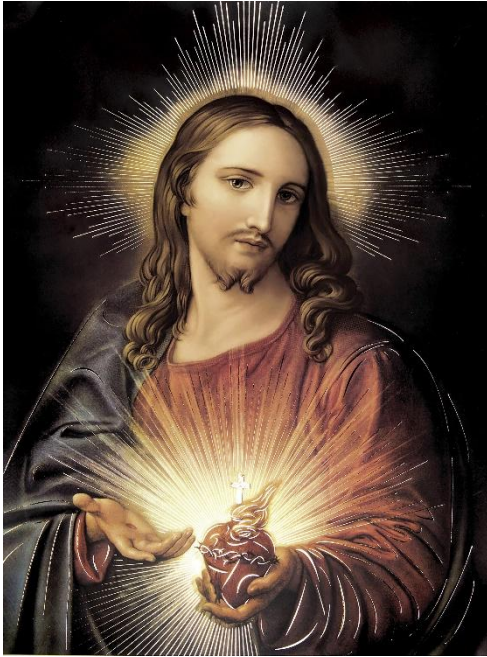
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Sacred Heart Newsletter 2026



Titular Feast of the Congregation.

Dear Friends,

The solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated this year on 12th June. As I'm sure you will remember last year our country was re-dedicated to the Sacred Heart on the solemnity of Corpus Christi at Knock Shrine by Archbishop Eamon Martin on the solemnity of Corpus Christi which was a very joyful occasion not only for the Church here in Ireland but particularly for us here at St. Benedict's Priory as "the Sacred Heart is the focus of our devotional life as a Congregation as we are born of the Heart of Jesus and totally consecrated to the mystery of His love."

In the United States on June 11th as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence the U.S. Bishops will

consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is providential as Pope Leo X111 consecrated the human race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11th 1899 and "our Mother Foundress, The Servant of God, Mother Marie Adele Garnier (1838 – 1924) decided this consecration should be recited every day by her daughters in choir and this has become one of the most cherished traditions of her religious family. The feast of the Sacred Heart that year fell 2 days beforehand and Marie Adele and her first children made their profession by special privilege in the crypt of the Basilica, (of the Sacred Heart at Montmartre) in the chapel of St. Peter, which is immediately under the High Altar." (A Sacrifice of Praise) NB: Marie Adele's name in religion is Mother Mary of St. Peter....."Several centuries before this, St. Ignatius Loyola and his first companions had made their profession on the same holy hill, in the crypt of the chapel which commemorates the martyrdom of St. Denis. And here, in the crypt of a sanctuary still more august, were laid, at this new profession, the spiritual foundations of Adele's work for the Sacred Heart." (ibid)



Oblate News.

On 31st January we had an Oblate Day attended by a good number. In the afternoon Henrique and Natasha Abreu became novice oblates taking the names: Br. Benedict of the



Sacred Heart and Sr. Cecilia of the Holy Family respectively. The ceremony was attended by family and friends and there was a reception in the guesthouse afterwards and a joyous atmosphere was evident.

On 25th April we had another oblate day attended by a good number of oblates once again. Mrs. Niamh Humphries became a Novice Oblate during a ceremony in the afternoon taking the name:

Sr. Therese of the Child Jesus and there was also a reception in the parlour after the ceremony, which was enjoyed by everyone who attended, including the other oblates, family and friends.



Consecration to St. Joseph.

Every Sunday night from 15th February 2026 until St. Joseph's Day itself a group of 29 people (not everyone attended the meetings, some joined in spirit from wherever they were) met in the St. Oliver Plunkett Centre to do the 33-day preparation for consecration to St. Joseph on St. Joseph's Day – 19th March guided by Rev. Fr. Donald Calloway's book Consecration to St. Joseph. The wonders of Our Spiritual Father. The person organizing it thought it more appropriate for the men to lead each group meeting which they did.

Providentially someone came who had nothing to do with this group asking if their group could have Holy Mass on the night of 19th March at 7.30pm, which of course was a perfect way to make the consecration. Therefore, the consecration took place earlier in the evening and those who were not prevented by other commitments were able to stay on for Holy Mass. After Holy Mass refreshments were served.



Holy Face Devotion.

On Shrove Tuesday, 17th February, Holy Mass was celebrated in the morning at 9am. in honour of the Holy Face and the people came for the first time in the evening for prayers and devotions. Everyone is welcome. They have been coming every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night of the month starting with the rosary at 7pm with the usual rosary group that has been coming for a few years, the Holy Face devotion prayers follow on and refreshments are served afterwards. A good number of people attend and hopefully the numbers will increase with the passage of time.



Mother M. Matthias. RIP

We told you in our last newsletter that Mother Matthias and Mother Catherine had been transferred to other monasteries. We now commend the soul of Mother Matthias to your prayers. On 8th January 2026 the Lord called Mother Matthias home very peacefully to her reward after a short illness and after 58 years of a life of deep fidelity, prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. She served the congregation generously in many positions of responsibility including, Assistant General, Novice Mistress, Prioress here at St. Benedict's Priory, Largs and at the Mother House. She was loved and respected by visitors and friends of the congregation and will be missed by her community for her wisdom, practical gifts and good common sense.

Mother's funeral took place at the monastery chapel in Largs. Her 2 brothers and her nephew were able to attend and some of the friends of our community here in Cobh also travelled to Largs to be present for the funeral, a further demonstration of the tribute paid to her by those who admired and loved her. The community's confessor, Rev. Canon

McManus was the main celebrant, and several priests of the diocese concelebrated the Mass. Mother was interred at the Haylie Brae Cemetery. May her soul rest in peace.

Our Garden Fair will take place on Saturday 4th July 2026 from 2pm - 5pm. with many stalls such as plants, bakery craft and much more. All are welcome to come along and please help us pray for good weather. We hope everyone will enjoy the day.

Congregation News.

The New Year began in Kurmond, Australia with the joyful celebration of the ceremony of first profession of Sr. M. Juliana. Very Rev. Fr. Peter Williams, Vicar General of the diocese was the main celebrant, with Rev. Father Andrew Rooney acting as MC. The monastery's chaplain, Rev. Fr. John Rizzo concelebrated with 5 other priests. The weather was fine, so the entrance procession was able to take place, and it was also

possible to offer the guests a meal after the ceremony. It was truly a happy and beautiful day in every way for everyone who attended, and Sister looked radiant in her black veil, the sign of her consecration to Jesus Christ, the true Bridegroom.



Then in our monastery in Sechura, Peru on Holy Thursday morning, 2nd April, a postulant, Sr. Flor entered the novitiate with the beautiful new name of Sr. Maria Fe of Christ Crucified. We keep all our Sisters in formation in our prayers and ask you to join us in praying for these Sisters and for more vocations.

Fundraising.

As already mentioned, we are holding a Garden Fair. This is in order to raise funds for the urgent repairs required on our building. This picture is from an inspection carried out on the chapel roof.

It shows that water is getting in underneath the felt and soaking the timber underneath.

With our gratitude and prayers: Holy Mass on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart will be offered for you all.

The Tyburn Nuns at St Benedict's Priory.

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