



NEWSLETTER

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Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

“In that Sacred
Heart all our
hopes should be
placed...”

Leo XIII

“ There is no other name under heaven given to men whereby we must be saved, but Jesus Christ, the Only begotten Son of God (Acts 4: 12) We must have recourse to Him who is the Way the Truth and the Life. We have gone astray and we must return to the right path:... death has seized upon us, and we must lay hold of life..... And now, today, behold another blessed and heavenly token is offered to our sight - the most Sacred Heart of Jesus..... In that Sacred Heart all our hopes should be placed, and from it the salvation of men is to be confidently besought.” (Annum Sacrum, Pope Leo X111)

Among the many graces and blessings poured out upon our community by the adorable Heart of our Saviour has been the Temporary Profession of Sr. Mary Eunice of the Holy Eucharist which was held here in our chapel on Saturday 3rd March at the 12 midday Mass. The main celebrant was Rt. Rev. Dom Martin Birrell OSB of Pluscarden Abbey, and our own chaplain, Rev. Fr. Hamill MHM concelebrated with him. We also had the privilege of Very Rev. Mother General and Rev. Mother Assistant present at the ceremony. In spite of the bad weather and the difficulty (impossibility in some cases) for travelling there was a good number of people present at the ceremony and those who were able to be present were very moved by the ceremony and, for most, it was the first profession ceremony that they had ever experienced. After the ceremony, the guests retired to the tea room for a reception and following the reception Rev. Mother Xavier gave a talk on our Mother Foundress which was appreciated by everyone present.



*Temporary Profession of
Sr. M. Eunice
at Benedictine Monastery, Largs*

*Right photo: Servant of God,
Mother Marie Adele Garnier*



Rosary on the Coast 29th April 2018



Something else that was a first experience for the majority of us was Rosary on the Coast for Life, Faith and Peace which took place here in spirit with everyone else who was celebrating it on the coast of the British Isles on Sunday afternoon 29th April. Various groups were to be seen on the seafront outside our monastery praying the rosary and the other prayers on the programme. After the Polish community of Glasgow finished the rosary, they came into our chapel for adoration and, although extra seating was provided for them, people who couldn't fit into the chapel were obliged to stand inside the front entrance and overflowed inside the inside front door. It was truly wonderful to see the chapel so full, but most of all to see the living faith of the people. When it was finished, the people retired to the tearoom for refreshments and the queue to get into the tea room was exactly the same as we had witnessed in the chapel - it overflowed onto the street. Fortunately it was a bright sunny day, and when it is a nice day, Largs is particularly busy.

The cause for canonisation of our Mother Foundress, "The Servant of God", Marie Adele Garnier continues and many people have recounted to us favours they have received through her intercession for their various needs, both spiritual and temporal. The Commission from Rome came from Friday 25th May - Monday 28th May, to interview people who have received favours through her intercession or who have devotion to her for whatever reason. Fourteen people in total were interviewed. During the time the commission were here, we had the utmost privilege of a visit from Rt. Rev. Bishop Emeritus Maurice Taylor whom some of you may know was the Bishop of this diocese when our congregation came here. He concelebrated Holy Mass with our chaplain along with another visiting priest. Hopefully with the passage of time, devotion to her and awareness of her charism, etc., will increase and continue to spread. If you receive a favour through her intercession, we would be most grateful to hear from you. The monthly Study Day here in our monastery continues. However, in May it took a different form. We had a three day retreat from Friday 18th May - Sunday 20th May. In 1850 our Mother received the Sacraments of Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation on these three consecutive days and as they fell this year at the weekend we decided to have a retreat to discuss these sacraments in her life and the effect they had on her life and the lives of those who came into contact with her. In June there will be an extended retreat from Friday 8th June (which is the feast of the Sacred Heart this year) to Monday 11th June. The topic will be Devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Evangelical Counsels in the life of the "Servant of God" Marie Adele Garnier, all are welcome to join us. In July, there will be a retreat of 3 days from Friday 6th July - Sunday 8th July. The topic will be the Rule of St. Benedict in the life of the "Servant of God" Marie Adele Garnier. You are also welcome to join us to discuss these very important topics in the life of our Mother. For more information and bookings, please contact Mother Prioress.

We are also currently promoting our private retreat facilities for groups/families and individuals, either for the day or a little longer. We have facilities for both the retreat centre and cottage. All are not only welcome, but are encouraged to participate in our liturgical life of prayer and worship. For more information and bookings please contact Mother Prioress.

"The Mass is the Sun of my Life, my heaven here on earth" Marie Adele Garnier. As our charism, handed on to us by our Mother Foundress, is centred around Eucharistic Adoration, we also encourage anyone who so wishes to come and spend some time in adoration, and/ or join us for Holy Mass, (which we celebrate daily) and the Divine Office. If you would like to do a set time of adoration, please contact Mother Prioress. We also provide facilities for all night vigils of adoration. If you would like to organise a group of 4 or more (women/men separate nights) please contact Mother Prioress. We had the men's group for an all night vigil of adoration on Friday night 9th March and they finished up with Holy Mass at 8 am on Saturday 10th, the feast of St. John Ogilvie, the only Scottish martyr of the reformation. Their next all night vigil will be Friday 14th September finishing up with Holy Mass on Saturday morning at 8 am. Any gentlemen who may wish to come along are more than welcome to do so. If you would like to come, please contact Mother Prioress. The ladies' group of the Legion of Mary also come for all night adoration on the last Friday night of every month. Any ladies - members or not - who would like to join them are more than welcome to do so. For more information and bookings please contact Mother Prioress. We also had another group of ladies who came for all night adoration from Friday 16th March until 7 am on Saturday 17th March.

The tea room and the museum are also now open for the season on Fridays and Saturdays after the 12 midday Holy Mass. We are looking for lady volunteers to help in our tea room. If you can spare any time, we would be most grateful, please contact Mother Prioress. The monastery shop and the shop in the tea room are open daily anytime during the day (outside Holy Mass and Divine Office times) by ringing the doorbell just inside the front door.

We are very grateful to all our dear friends and benefactors. Through your generosity we have been able to continue replacing windows and doing other maintenance work necessary throughout the building and to maintain the upkeep of the grounds and gardens etc. As a token of our gratitude, Holy Mass is offered once a month for you and your families. May God richly reward you with His Divine blessings and graces.

Mother Prioress and community.



Our friend Pat Henry putting new window in our linen room.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel inviting all who wish to come and pray.

Our cottage for rent for families and groups.

