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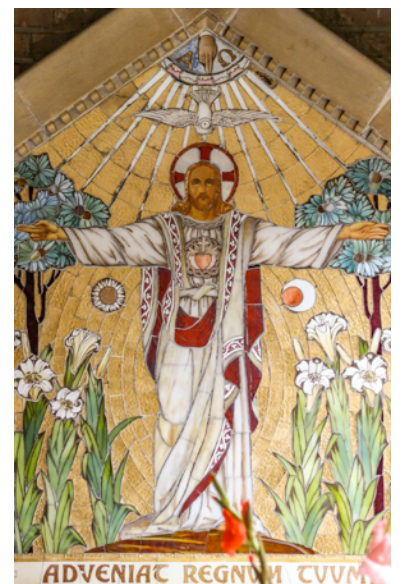
Dear friends and benefactors,

“Every time I hear anyone speak of the Sacred Heart of Jesus or of the Blessed Sacrament I feel an indescribable joy. It is as if a wave of precious memories, sweet affections and joyful hopes sweep over my poor person, making me tremble with happiness and filling my soul with tenderness”.

Pope Saint John XXIII

Despite all our inadequacies, interiorly and exteriorly, we can still respond to the love of God for us. Our chaplain Fr. John McFadden OMI underlined this in his last homily before undertaking his mission to South Africa for three years at the beginning of February. He told us that when we say daily at Holy Mass ‘Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof...’ we are echoing St Peter when he said ‘Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.’ Then at our prayers and adorations before the Blessed Sacrament we are saying in essence his words ‘Lord, you know that I love you’. (John 21:15-19) These last words are written on the tomb of our Mother Foundress, Marie Adele Garnier, (in religion Mother Mary of St Peter) at the Mother House in London. ‘DOMINE TU SCIS QUIA AMO TE’ Above the tomb is a Trinitarian mosaic of the Sacred Heart with the words ‘ADVENIAT REGNUM TUUM. (‘Thy Kingdom come.’)

In 1860, two French associations, the Apostleship of Prayer and the League of the Sacred Heart, merged and launched the first worldwide movement of prayer for the reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, adopting as their motto the words, “Thy Kingdom Come!” Subsequently, the Apostleship of Prayer fast became the largest prayer association in the history of the Catholic Church, an indication that the Holy Spirit stood firmly behind its



mission. In addition to intensifying the prayer of the faithful for the social reign of the Sacred Heart, the Apostleship of Prayer also largely introduced and popularized one of the most powerful forms of personal prayer, the morning offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Apostleship of Prayer was born in 1844 out of the apostolic restlessness of a group of Jesuit seminarians at Vals, France. These young men, destined for the missions of America and India, were impatient with their dull routine of study and eager to get on with their work as missionaries. Their spiritual director, Fr. Francois Xavier Gautrelet, in a conference to them, pointed out that the end they desired – the salvation of souls – was a supernatural end and that supernatural means were the best and quickest way to accomplish that end. Thus, their prayer, study, work, recreation, headaches, offered in union with Christ's sacrifice as renewed in the Mass, would advance the work of the missions as much as their direct work in the field. The idea quickly caught on and was spread to others; and thus was developed an apostolic spirituality of prayer and activity. This soon was formalized into what we know as the Morning (or Daily) Offering, to help people unite their daily lives to the oblation of Christ for the intentions close to His Heart.

“If each one infuses his labours with the spirit of prayer and makes of them an offering; if several jointly direct themselves in the same way, there would be a convergence of power capable of lifting up mountains!”, Fr. Gautrelet exhorted them. “Be missionaries already through your prayer, by the offering of your daily life. Your mission is here and now, in your studies and the little things of every day. In fulfilling it through being open to the will of God, you are already apostles who are helping the entire Church. Pray for the people you will meet tomorrow.” This way of seeing prayer as mission, ‘the spreading of faith by prayer,’ very quickly transformed the community: the Mass, sacramental offering of Christ, became the centre of the day, and the day became an extension of the Mass. From that moment on, the “Apostleship of Prayer” spread like wildfire, first in the surrounding country villages where the young Jesuits passed on this way of praying rooted in daily life, then throughout the world. By 1849, the Apostleship of Prayer was recognized by Pope Pius IX, and in 1890 Leo XIII entrusted to it his monthly prayer intentions, as have the Popes ever since.

COMMUNITY NEWS

This year more of our Mothers have reached milestones in praying Mother Foundress’ daily offering. On the 21st of January was the long awaited Platinum Jubilee of Mother Placid. It was meant to be a small celebration, as the big one was to be when Very Rev. Mother General comes to celebrate her Silver Jubilee with us, but nonetheless many people came. Our chaplain, Father John McFadden OMI, and 5 other priests concelebrated. Parts of the Mass were sung



in Latin as they had been when Mother Placid made her First Profession 70 years ago. Mother was very happy and danced with all her heart at the reception afterwards, during which a papal blessing, signed just the day before, arrived miraculously. Mother said it was the best day of her life. Shortly afterwards, on the 1st February, she turned 96. Her 'twin', Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, turned 96 on the 21st of April and we celebrated her Platinum Jubilee of Coronation on the 2nd June. The Queen's celebrations lasted four days which thereby included the 18th anniversary of the passing to eternal life of Lady Frances Shand Kydd, the maternal grandmother of the Queen's

most famous grandsons', on the 3rd of June, feast of the Martyrs of Uganda. Frances had a great love of Our Lady of Lourdes and had the statues of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart at Oban Cathedral restored. She was also the principle fundraiser and a Trustee of the Catholic House of Prayer on the Isle of Iona where pilgrimages are still heading to honour the 1500th anniversary of the birth of St Columba on the 7th December 521 AD.

Earlier, on Saturday 26 February, we lost our Bishop, William Nolan, when he was installed as Archbishop of Glasgow at St Andrew's Cathedral. It was a beautiful ceremony and the homily was Christ-centred and full of hope. May the Holy Spirit inspire and permeate his new ministry and bring a holy shepherd soon to the Galloway Diocese.



While searching for a permanent chaplain Rev. Mother Prioress searches for priests to supply us with daily Mass. The generosity and joy of the many priests who have helped us fill us with awe; may the Sacred Heart reward them a thousand fold. We were nearly without a priest for Holy Week but at the 11th hour, the eve of Palm Sunday, Father Francis from Stroud came, and covered the Easter Octave also; a very great blessing. He was our Miracle, Mercy priest!

On the Friday before Divine Mercy Sunday the Polish group came for their usual 4th week of the month all-night Adoration, finishing with Holy Mass at 5.00 am on Saturday. At the end of Mass they presented us with a life-size picture of the Vilnius image of the Divine Mercy.

On Divine Mercy Sunday Father Francis gave Benediction at our 3pm Holy Hour before departing for his new parish in England.

Special thanks go to Pluscarden Abbey for lending us Fr Mark Savage for three weeks covering the feast of St Benedict, the solemnities of St Joseph and the Annunciation, and the consecration of Russia and the Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart in union with Pope Francis and the universal Church; and to Bishop Toal for granting us Fr Emmanuel for two weeks covering Pentecost.

Father Emmanuel concelebrated his last Mass on the 16th June and his homily was about the Lord's Prayer. He told us of a young American penitent who had been away from the Church for 15 years and who confessed many serious sins. Father gave him the Our Father to say as his penance but the penitent was distressed that that was all his penance. Father told him again that he was to recite it daily meditating on each word very slowly and to return in a week. On his return the young man exclaimed to him 'How simple the prayer is yet how rich!' The priest concelebrating with Fr. Emmanuel was Father Ferdinand Onwuka, a very special gift from the Sacred Heart as he is able to be our chaplain for the next two years. He presided the next day at the votive Mass of the Sacred Heart in honour of the passover of our beloved Mother Foundress to eternal life. May her prayers and merits assist him and all priests to always live St John Mary Vianney's expression "The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus."

The majority of the priests able to help us have been of African/Nigerian origin therefore it was with an added piercing of the heart that we heard of the news of the massacre of the faithful at St Francis Catholic Church in Owo, Nigeria, on Pentecost Sunday. The congregation had just finished praying the Lord's prayer when the gunmen entered, making the prayer viaticum for the martyrs and hope for the faithful for the hastening of the coming of the Kingdom.



CONGREGATION NEWS

As Mother Placid's witness to the reign of the Sacred Heart draws to a close the seed of others continues to sprout and put forth leaves. Father Benito and Father Bernardo, who made their retreat here in Largs before entering the novitiate, made their First Profession of vows in Colombia on the 10th of February, solemnity of Saint Scholastica. In Peru Mother M. Joan of the Holy Angels Onyeje made her solemn Profession with great joy on the 14th of May. May God ever bless and sanctify their growth.



Also in the midst of the royal celebrations, on the 4th of June, in the far-off Commonwealth nation of New Zealand, Rev. Mother Lucy, Prioress in Bombay, celebrated her Silver Jubilee. The community from Ngakuru joined them for the happy occasion and we were with them in joyful spirit. Rev. Mother Seraphim, Prioress in St Loup, France, will be celebrating hers on the 20th August, and Rev. Mother Joanna, Sub-Prioress in

Ngakuru, New Zealand, on the 1st of November. May their sterling examples encourage us all to reach significant milestones on our path to perfection.

The witness in time of Mother Christina, however, was extinguished on Sunday 22nd of May in Riverstone, Australia. Just before Holy Mass we had heard that she was seriously ill so Canon McManus was asked to offer the noon Mass for her. We learnt afterwards that her soul departed at the time our Mass was starting! A flood of beautiful stories about her then emerged, such as this one: on the 21 November 1957 Mother Cyril (Prioress and Novice Mistress in Australia for many years) made her Profession and she prayed that someone would be born



who would enter our Congregation. Mother Christina was born on 27th November, 1957; and became her first Australian daughter! May they rest in peace and also Anne Healey, our faithful retreatant and friend, who passed away suddenly at about 3 pm on the 31st of May, the day of Mother Christina's funeral. Anne's funeral took place on the 17th of June, the 98th anniversary of our Mother Foundress' passover to eternal life.



Mother Christina and Mother Cyril



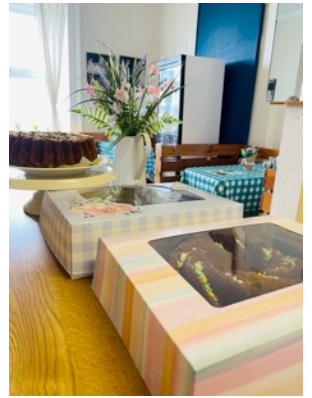
Anne Healy RIP



TEAROOM/HOSPITALITY

The Tea Room has been beautified in parts and given a very thorough spring cleaning. It is open again from Monday to Saturday afternoons after Holy Mass. Spinach noodles and Asian rice, Mung bean soup, fried Plantain, Pandan cakes, Bubble tea etc. are available from Monday to

Thursday and traditional fare on Fridays and Saturdays. It is so lovely to see many old friends and familiar faces again. The Tea room helpers are busy preparing for the Strawberry Tea which will take place on 2nd July.



NIGHT ADORATION:

The women's all-night vigil takes place on every third Friday of the month, whilst the men have theirs on the First Friday of every month. There are three other groups that come to night adoration monthly. If you would like to come to night adoration or bring a group please contact Mother Prioress

ROOFING/RESTORATION PHASE 2:

Late last year we completed the First Stage of our Roofing Project. The second phase will be the restoration of the Chapel Roof and essential repairs to the chapel. The recent condition survey report has identified a number of urgent repairs to the Chapel, namely:

- Roof
- Gutters and rainwater pipes
- Front facade
- Roof above the Chapel Entrance
- Corridor to Chapel
- Chapel Library and Chapel Office

Having now received quotations for this urgent repair work, we are faced with trying to find some £90,000. This amount far exceeds the Monastery's available funds.

Due to the ongoing repair works and high costs over the last few years, it has been a constant struggle to keep up with payments. After some professional consultation, we have decided to appeal to grant-giving bodies who, hopefully, will provide us with half of this amount i.e £45,000. We would hope the other half will come from launching an online campaign, organising fundraising events and appealing to generous benefactors. The names of all our benefactors are kept under the Altar and Holy Mass is offered every month for them and their intentions.

FUTURE EVENTS

'Become a Heritage Detective'

An exciting fundraising event for young people and senior members.

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th August at Benedictine Monastery (Tearoom)

If you wish to be part of this event or to find out more please contact 07778506832 or sanamogden@gmail.com -Thank you!

We thank all our beloved benefactors for the support you give us in enabling the enthronement and adoration of the Sacred Heart to continue here. Holy Mass will be offered for you all on His Solemnity.

If you would like to donate towards our roofing and restoration project please visit our website at: <https://www.tyburnconvent.org.uk/largsmonasterydonations>
If you would like to pay by check make it payable to **The Benedictine Monastery.**

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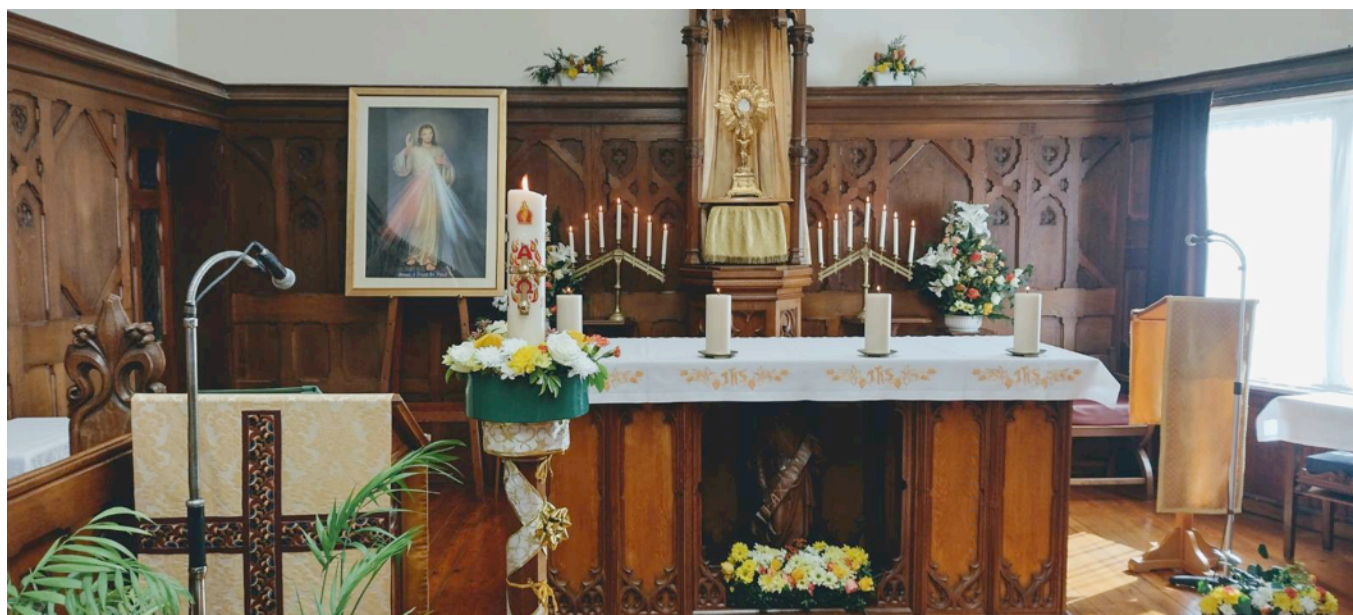
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With loving prayers for the extension of the reign of the Sacred Heart in your hearts and in all those of whom you meet daily; and in the hearts of all nations especially Scotland, Scandinavia and Iceland,

The Tyburn Nuns



Servant of God Mother Marie-Adèle Garnier's Act of Consecration to the Holy Trinity

I adore you, Holy Trinity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
I empty myself before Your Majesty.
I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You,
my God so good. I thank you for all the graces
which you have lavished on me
and I implore from your mercy
pardon for my sins and my ingratitude.

Adorable Trinity, one only God in three persons,
anew I give myself wholly to You
through the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
In union with the intentions
for which the Divine Victim offers Himself
in the sacrifice on the altar,

I renew the offering of myself to you
as a victim of adoration, love and praise,
thanksgiving, atonement and entreaty,
for the Holy Father, the Church
and for the worldwide fulfilment
of the plans of the Heart of Jesus,
so full of love and mercy.

I make a special offering to You,
through the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,
of the prayer, work and suffering of this day,
for these intentions (and particularly for ...)

Upheld by your grace, my God,
I will try to glorify You in all things
and I abandon myself with all my heart
to Your Holy Will. AMEN.