

# TYBURN TALK

#### **SACRED HEART 2025**

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Dear Friends of Tyburn,

# The Eucharist and the Sacred Heart: Love Made Visible

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In the burning Heart of Jesus, the Church has long contemplated the ineffable mystery of divine love. For saints like St. Bernard of Clairvaux, this Heart is the fountain of all grace, "wounded by the arrow of charity," from which flows the life of the Church. Nowhere is this love more tangible than in the Most Holy Eucharist, where Christ offers Himself and His Heart anew to us in every Mass.

St. Bonaventure writes that the wound in Christ's side opened "the door of paradise," and from it flowed not only blood and water, but the sacraments themselves. The Eucharist, above all, is the sacrament of love; love given, love poured out. St. Mechtilde and St. Gertrude the Great, two Benedictine mystics, received intimate revelations in which Christ unveiled His Sacred Heart as a furnace of divine love, often during the celebration of the Eucharist. In one vision, St. Mechtilde saw the Host as a radiant sun emerging from Christ's Heart, flooding the soul with grace. St. Gertrude recounted that each reception of the Eucharist was like placing her heart within Christ's, where it was enkindled by His love and united to His will.

St. Peter Julian Eymard, apostle of the Eucharist, wrote that "the Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After that, there is nothing more but Heaven itself." In Eucharistic Adoration, the Heart of

Jesus continues to beat with love for every soul that seeks Him in silence. The promises made to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque—that those who honour His Sacred Heart will find peace in their homes and refuge in times of distress offer profound consolation to all in darkness and suffering. How many of those promises find their fulfillment in the glow of sanctuary lamps flickering light, in the silent offering of a heart surrendered before the tabernacle or monstrance?

Pope John Paul II, called the Eucharist "the school of love," where the faithful learn from the Heart that was "pierced for our transgressions." He encouraged the faithful to come to the Eucharist where "Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of His Love."

St. John Eudes, tireless promoter of the Sacred Heart, described the Eucharist as "the extension of the Incarnation." In every consecrated Host, Jesus gives us not only His Soul and Divinity, but His Body and Blood; His very Heart. This Heart, which once beat in Bethlehem and was pierced upon the Cross, now rests silently in our tabernacles, waiting for hearts to return love for love.

The intrinsic and inseparable link between the Sacred Heart and the Eucharist reveals a God who not only gives Himself in sacrifice but who desires to dwell intimately with His people. St. Margaret Mary was asked by Christ to promote the consecration of homes to His Heart, not merely as a private devotion, but as a way of making families into little tabernacles of love and mercy. When a home is consecrated to the Sacred Heart, it is claimed for Christ, just as every monstrance and altar is set apart for His Presence. In Eucharistic Adoration, we respond to that same invitation: to enthrone His Heart not only in our homes, but within our very souls.

The mystics of the Sacred Heart understood this call to intimacy and reparation. St. Gertrude once saw in a vision that each Holy Communion expands the soul's capacity to love, as if the Sacred Heart were pouring molten gold into a fragile vessel to strengthen and enlarge it. St. Margaret Mary, too, testified that Jesus told her: "My Heart is so full of love for humanity that it can no longer contain the flames of its burning charity." These flames are not mere symbols—they are the real fire of divine charity made present in the Eucharist. As Pope Benedict XVI reminded us, this Heart "invites us to respond to His love with our own," especially in Eucharistic Adoration, which is the highest form of love a creature can offer to its Creator.

For 127 years a lamp has been burning for the Holy Father and the Church before our Eucharistic King exposed in the sanctuaries of the Tyburn Nuns all around the world.



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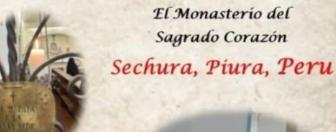
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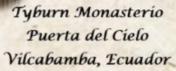


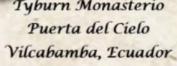
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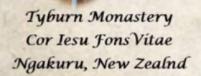








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The Servant of God

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#### Mother Nicholas Owen's Diamond Jubilee

A wonderful blessing for our community was the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of our dear Mother Nicholas Owen on Saturday 10th May 2025. The Chief Celebrant was Rev. Abbot Cuthbert O.S.B.

Before the beginning of the month, we were very busy with the preparations. Some friends of our Monastery came to help decorate the rooms to be ready for the reception after the Holy Mass. It was such a great and unique celebration. The chapel was full of people and Mother Nicholas was very cheerful, as always. She read the renewal of her vows with a very clear voice and sung beautifully the Suscipe in Spanish. Her cousin John came for the occasion and everyone was very happy. The Holy Spirit filled our hearts with peace and joy. Mother Nicholas received many cards and gifts, was very grateful and wants to thank everyone! A big thank you to everyone who helped make her day holy, happy and joyous!

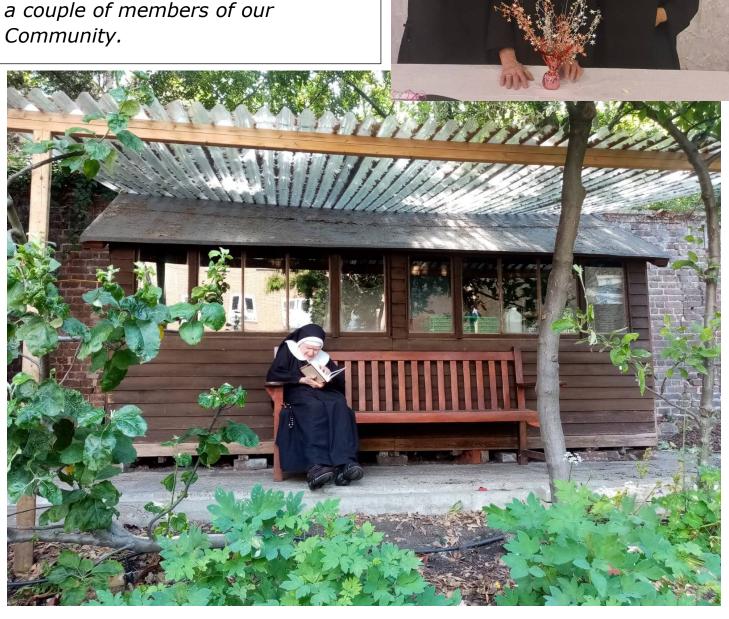


Mother Nicholas Owen singing the Suscipe



Mother Nicholas Owen enjoying Lectio Divina in our garden.

. . . and celebrating her jubilee with a couple of members of our

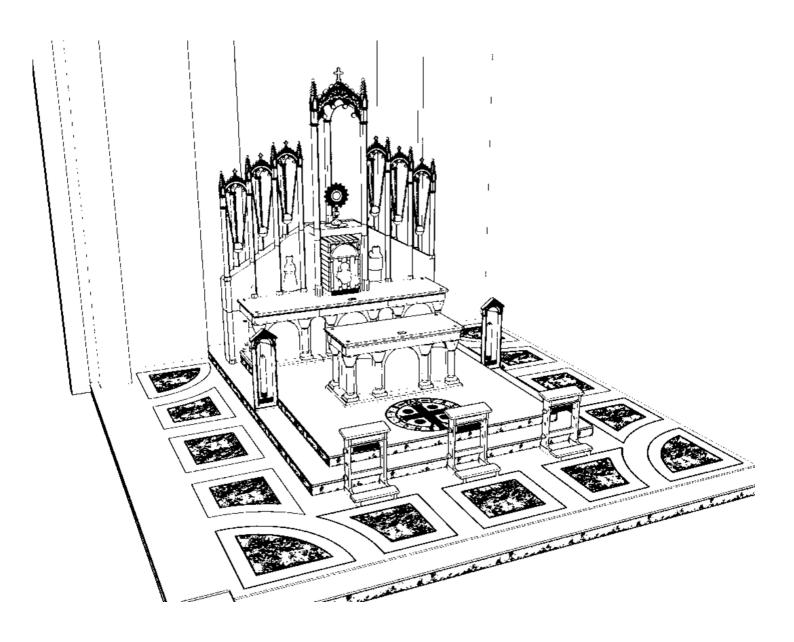


### Sanctuary Update

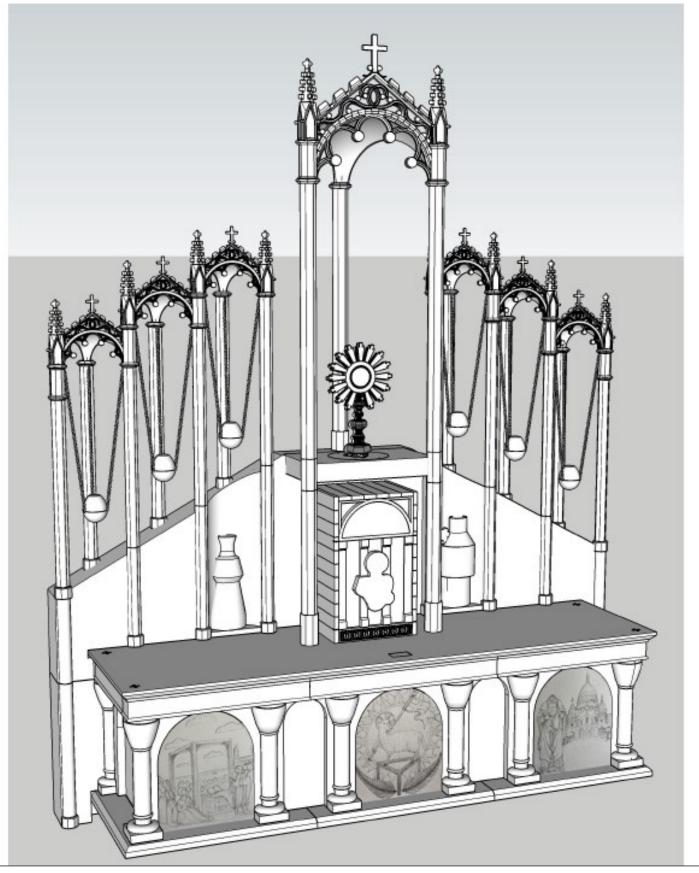
We obviously still have a huge amount of fundraising to complete and we are most grateful for every donation and prayer! We thank all of you who have been donating.

Our stone mason completed the working drawings with all the proposed weights and measurements for the new sanctuary. We are now reconsulting with our architect and structual engineers on weights, etc.

It is rather a lengthy process, but according to God's Holy Will, and with the help of Good St Joseph, it will be done in due course and at the right time! We are patiently going through all the neccesary preparatory work and because of your kind donations we have been able to cover all related and necessary expenses.



Above is a to scale plan of the beautiful proposed sanctuary!



Stylised drawing of the proposed reredos.

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## Tyburn Fayre

This year we are holding Tyburn Fayre at 10am on the last Saturday of October which falls on the 25th of October. There will be plenty of food stalls so come along to support us and enjoy a meal and buy some goodies. Bring a friend if you can!

All proceeds from the fayre will go towards the maintenance and upkeep of Tyburn Convent.

The fayre will be different from previous years as there will NOT be 2<sup>nd</sup> hand goods stalls so 2<sup>nd</sup> hand goods will not be accepted for the fayre.

# Tyburn Raffle



We are very grateful for your support in purchasing tickets as all the proceeds go towards the never ending upkeep and maintenance of Tyburn Convent. The prizes will be drawn at Tyburn Fayre on 25th October at 3 pm.

#### Tickets can also be bought online:

https://www.tyburnconvent.org.uk/raffletickets

One of our recent major expenses was works related to insurance, including the installation of a new fire alarm system.

#### Farm Update

We rehomed the last of our rabbits to give more room for our chickens. Here are some photos of some of our hens and their little

chicks which hatched at

Eastertime!





Our bees are doing well and we managed to catch sight of a swarm of bees from one of the hives before they flew off altogether! We successfully caught them and made a third colony before eventually joining 2 colonies together again.







## Spreading The Word - Martyrs Tour with Tom

There is nothing so encouraging and uplifting as a positive response to the items that are covered in the Tyburn Talk. Following our story regarding the Martyrs Tour of London in our last edition, there has been an increase in interest in this tour, culminating in a large group travelling to Tyburn to experience a Martyrs Tour.



Parishioners from Blessed Peter Wright in Northampton in our Crypt of the Martyrs Shrine.

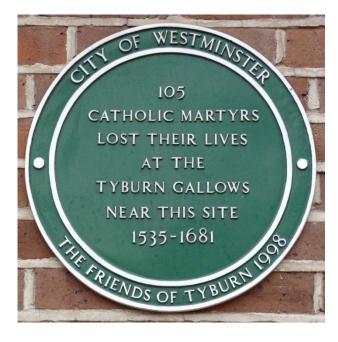
On May 19th a group of 18 people descended on Tyburn. These people came from the Blessed Peter Wright pastoral area of Northampton Diocese. May 19th is the feastday of their parish saint and the people wanted to venerate and celebrate this in a very significant way. So they came to Tyburn to celebrate Mass, pray at the place where he was executed on that very day in 1651 and visit 'Newgate Prison', where he spent some time before his martyrdom. Furthermore, in the shrine of the Catholic Martyrs at Tyburn, is housed a relic of Blessed Peter Wright.

Coming from a distance meant an early start for the pilgrims, arriving at Tyburn at 10.00am. After refreshments, they were given a tour of the crypt with all the relics and memorabilia of the martyrs. This was followed by the celebration of Mass.

And then they were off to the old city of London. Tom Henry, who conducts these tours, normally does so in his taxi. However, such a large group demanded a change in transport, and the whole 'Pilgrimage' was carried out courtesy of the London Underground. This was not the ordeal that it may seem. At the time of the martyrs the City of London was a very small place, the traditional 'Square Mile'. Therefore walking from one site to another was very easy and involved no great distance. The pilgrimage commenced at the Clink Street prison and ended at the church of St Ethelreda's in Holborn, the oldest Catholic Church in the country, and included visiting Charterhouse, Newgate Prison, Smithfield, and St Paul's in between.

When Catholics walk around the City of London, they will never be far from a place where a martyr suffered. Sadly, there is no public plaque or acknowledgement as to what took place there many hundreds of years ago. Most Catholics will walk past these places, totally unaware of the religious significance of these locations. But not so the parishioners of Blessed Peter Wright in Northampton!

Perhaps we should not refer to these as 'tours'. Speaking to the people who came, many were quite open and honest in saying how much of what they had heard and seen had affected the value and perspective of their faith. They did not see this as simply an historical tour. It went far deeper than that. It had the nature of a Pilgrimage about it







Some of our Community celebrating with Mother Nicholas Owen on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee.

#### Please remember Tyburn Convent in your Will.

We are very grateful to all our friends and benefactors for all the support you give to our Community and Congregation. Thank you for your prayers, sacrifices, volunteering time to help out in various ways, and for your donations. We wish you all a happy and blessed Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered as usual on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart for all our friends and benefactors living and deceased.

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https://www.tyburnconvent.org.uk/conventdonations