



TYBURN TALK

SACRED HEART 2026

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Dear Friends of Tyburn,

"Many waters cannot quench love

How blessed, how happy are those servants, whom the Lord when he comes shall find watching, Blessed watch, in which they watch for God the Creator of the universe, who fille all things and surpasses all, Would that me also, wretched though I be, yet his poor servant, he might deign so to arouse from the sleep of idleness, so to kindle with that fire of divine love, that the flame of his love, the longing of his so great charity, would mount above the stars, and the divine fire would ever

burn within me, would that I were of such deserving, that my lamp might ever burn by night in the temple of my Lord, that to all entering the house of my God it might give light.

I beg you, most loving savior, to reveal yourself to us who beseech you, so that knowing you, we may love you only, love you alone, desire you alone, contemplate you alone by day or night, and ever hold you in our thoughts, and do you deign so far to inspire us with your love, as it befits you to be loved and cherished as Our God, that your charity may possess all our inward parts, and your love may own us all, and your affection may fill all our senses, so that we may know no other love apart from you who are eternal, that such affection may be in the impossible of quenching by the many waters of this air and land and sea, according to that saying, Many waters cannot quench love, which in us also can be fulfilled even in part, by your gift, Lord Jesus Christ".

- *A reading from the instructions of St Columbanus*

Tyburn Martyrs

On the 4th of May we had our annual celebration of the Tyburn Martyrs with Vespers and the Ceremony of the Roses. As usual, there was a good turn out and the place was packed with devotees. We were very happy to count a number of priests who turned up to commemorate the Martyrs too.



From One, to Many

If we were to ask ourselves what was the main thrust of Jesus' ministry, we could meditate on His preaching to the crowds. We could think of the feeding of the 5000, or the sermon on the Mount. We are told that crowds followed Him around Galilee, that at one time they pressed upon Him. We are told that he would go off by himself to some lonely place, to escape from the crowds.

But what about individuals? The meetings with individuals are significant because they often concluded with a miracle, a spectacular healing or a raising from the dead. There are some encounters with individuals that we may think nothing significant happened at all. Or perhaps we missed the full significance? Into this category may fall the story of the woman at the well. (Jn 4: 1-42)

Jesus should not even have been talking to her. There are so many reasons why this meeting should never have taken place. She was a Samaritan and Jesus was a Jew. Jesus treats her like a servant, asking her to bring him water. He then goes on to tell her some very uncomfortable truths about herself; she had five husbands and her current husband was not really her husband. In situations like this the woman's instinct, feeling very uncomfortable, would surely have been

to walk away, wanting nothing to do with this stranger. However, she stayed, and listened, there was just something that this stranger said that struck a chord in her heart so deeply, that she then went and brought the whole village to listen to Jesus. She moved the perspective from the One (herself) to the Many (the villagers).

This story comes to mind when considering the recent outburst of interest in Tyburn, The Tyburn Martyrs, and the Tyburn Nuns. It basically started when a lady heard what Tom Henry was doing and asked him to meet a committee with a view to doing four presentations in the a twelve month period. The first presentation took place in the crypt on April 22nd when an estimated 100 people came to hear about the Tyburn Martyrs and our Foundress, Mother Marie Adele Garnier. Furthermore, following on from that first presentation, a gentleman approached Tom to ask if he would give a talk to the Catenian association at the prestigious Army and Navy Club in St James' in London. When these engagements are fulfilled, several hundred people will have heard the Tyburn Tale, simply because of one or two individuals who wanted to go further.

As you read this article, please ask yourself, 'Am I the one?'. Do you belong to a group, a parish, or some such other Catholic organisation, where you feel there would be an interest in the Tyburn Tale (The Tyburn Martyrs, The Tyburn Nuns, The Foundress of the Tyburn Nuns). If so, then please contact us at the address below, and simply specify if you are interested in A Martyrs' Tour, or a Group presentation. There are so many Catholics who know so little about Tyburn, The Tyburn Martyrs and the Tyburn Nuns that this could be an opportunity, as Catholics, to dispel our ignorance and know more.



***Our Congregation requests your prayers
for the repose of the soul of Mother Mary
Matthias of the Sacred Heart
(Christine Mary Bailey)***

*whom God took to himself on the 8th day of
January 2026 in the eighty fifth year of her
age and the fifty eighth year of her religious
profession.*

Sanctuary Update



We have very good news to share

We are beginning the renovations of our Sanctuary this summer!! We wish to thank everyone who has contributed to this major project and may God bless you and reward you abundantly now and in the life to come.

We need to continue to fundraise while the work is in progress!



The renovation will last about a year, during which time we will continue Holy Mass, Divine Office and Adoration downstairs in the Crypt. It will mean of course that there will be no Crypt tours during this time.

The 2 photos on the left show beautiful samples of previous work carried out by the carpenter who will be working on the reredos!



Oblates

On the Solemnity of St Joseph, 19th March, we joyfully welcomed 2 new novice oblates, Wendy, who took the name Sr Adele of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and Margaret who took the name Sr Joseph Therese of the Body of Christ.



Tyburn Fayre and Raffle

As we are starting our Chapel renovations this summer, we will not be able to hold our annual fayre as we will be relocating our Holy Mass, Divine Office and Perpetual Adoration to the Crypt of the Martyrs underneath our main chapel. The renovation will take approximately a year. We will, however, hold our annual fundraising raffle as usual.

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Grand Draw 2026

1st Prize: £500
2nd Prize: £250
3rd Prize: £100 4th Prize: £50
5th Prize: Hamper

Check our website for details: www.tyburnconvent.org.uk/raffletickets

Drawn on Saturday 31st October 2026 at 3.00pm in Tyburn Convent

Promoter: Carolyn Aw, Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde Park Place, London. W2 2LJ
Registered under the Gambling Act 2005 with Westminster City Council

Tickets £2 each - £10 per book of 5 (online £10 per book of 5)

We are very grateful for your support in purchasing tickets as all the proceeds go towards the upkeep and maintenance of Tyburn Convent. The prizes will be drawn at Tyburn on 31st October at 3 pm.

Tickets can also be bought online:

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

Farm Update

Here are a few photos from our mini farm to share with you.



Br Leo (our mouser cat).



*This year's new chickens!
4 hatched at Easter and the
others for the Feast of St Joseph
the Worker.*





*The Easter Vigil fire with paschal candle in our garden,
and the sanctuary beautifully decorated for Easter.*

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.

The Tyburn Nuns

Please pass Tyburn Talk on!

Donations for Tyburn Convent can be made by cash,
cheque (made payable to Tyburn Convent)
or through our website:

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

Please remember Tyburn Convent in your Will.

Tyburn Convent Sanctuary Renovation Appeal

Please donate!

***Please help by prayers,
donations and spreading
the word! Please share!***

*Artist's impression of
new sanctuary*



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