



# TYBURN TALK

## SACRED HEART 2024

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### Special edition for the Centenary of death of Marie Adèle Garnier, our Foundress 1924 - 17<sup>th</sup> June - 2024

*Dear Friends of Tyburn,*

On Monday June the 17<sup>th</sup> this year we have great reason to rejoice in and to celebrate the centenary of the passover of our Foundress, the Servant of God, Mother Mary of St. Peter, MARIE ADÈLE GARNIER to eternal life.

Mother Mary of St. Peter, MARIE ADÈLE GARNIER was born in 1838 in Burgundy France, where she lived with her family. For many years she taught as a governess and was greatly loved and esteemed by both parents and children.

From her youth she felt deeply the love of Christ touching her heart, drawing her to surrender herself totally to him, especially through the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Holy Mass was the SUN of her life. Hence her devotion to the Eucharistic Christ became the centre of her spiritual life.

Marie-Adèle loved Christ with such ardent love that she was drawn to establish Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in order to express fully her desire to offer the Sacred Heart of Jesus an unceasing homage of love and reparation.



Thus, the Eucharist, the Sacrament and Sacrifice of the love of Christ, and the Sacred Heart, symbol of the love human and divine of Christ for his Father and for all humanity, could never be separated in the soul of Marie Adèle. Hence Marie Adèle sought to live this Eucharistic life as a solitary at Montmartre in Paris. Her health failed and she was obliged to abandon this way of life. Several years later the Sacred Heart of Jesus called her to establish a religious family consecrated to the worship and praise of the Holy Trinity through liturgical prayer and Eucharistic adoration in the contemplative life. She founded her Congregation - the ADORERS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, OF MONTMARTRE, in 1898 at Montmartre, Paris, with the cordial approbation of Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris. The aim of her Congregation - to glorify the Most Blessed Trinity, finds practical expression as follows :



The design of our Congregation medal pictured above is taken from a vision our Mother Foundress had.

- the daily participation in the Holy Mass;
- the choral celebration of the Divine Office;
- the perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Monstrance;
- daily prayer for the Holy Father, the Church, the country and for the entire human family.

Mother Marie Adèle Garnier established this form of contemplative life within the monastic tradition of the Church under the Rule of St. Benedict. In 1901 the young community fled to England on account of the laws of France against religious Orders. The Foundress settled her new community at TYBURN in London, at the famous site of the martyrdom of more than 100 Catholic Reformation Martyrs. This monastery is now the Mother House of her Congregation which has monasteries in England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Italy and France.

Renowned for holiness and virtue, Mother Marie Adèle Garnier died at Tyburn in the year 1924. She is honoured and remembered especially for her heroic love of God and neighbour, her spirit of prayer, divine contemplation, rich mystical and spiritual doctrine, humility, obedience, patience, simplicity & purity of heart, and above all for her spirit of total "self-abandon" to the Holy Will of God, which she declared to be her unique good.

"The Father is seeking ADORERS in spirit and in truth" John 4:23

Mother Marie Adèle Garnier is famed for favours regarding babies, families, property, financial matters, priests and spiritual needs.

*The following is from the book,  
A Sacrifice of Praise by Dom Bede Camm  
Chapter 20 "Some Tributes To Her Memory"*

Cardinal Mercier wrote to the Prioress of the Belgian house: 'Your dear and venerated Mother General has then left us for Heaven. Certainly I will pray for the repose of her soul, but I will not conceal from you that I am much more disposed to invoke her intercession. I have always considered her as a true Saint. And the sufferings of her long martyrdom will have purified her absolutely, and will have opened to her without delay the entrance "*in gaudium Domini sui.*"

'May our dear Lord keep you, my children, and sustain your courage in your bereavement. You will have in Heaven a protectress for yourselves and for your Congregation.'

Again His Eminence wrote to Mother Agnes, who succeeded as Superior General: 'She was a Saint, in all the strength and meaning of the term, that Mother whom you have had the grief to lose and whom you have the mission to replace. From the height of Heaven, she will watch over you, and be your advocate: you cannot doubt it!'

He spoke of her to the nuns when he visited St Mary's Convent in July, 1920, four years before her death. He said: 'The first time that I saw her I was struck by her extraordinary humility. That woman is



*Our Chaplain Rev. Fr Barry Braum painted this picture of Mother Foundress.*

altogether lost in God. I saw her again, and received precisely the same impression. She devoted herself to her neighbour with such a marvellous simplicity. You are happy to have such a one for your Foundress.'

Pere Lemius, O.M.I., who knew her so intimately both at Montmartre and during the early years in London, is not less emphatic. 'The characteristic of the Mother is that she had reached the highest

possible state of union with God. She was absolutely filled with the divinity, absorbed in it, she was one with God. Father Columba Marmion said to me one day: "Mother St. Peter is one of the greatest saints that one can ever see. Ever since I began to direct her, I have remained lost in admiration before this eminent work of the Holy Ghost.'

'Ever since the announcement of the death of this holy Mother, I have hoped that the cause of her Beatification will be taken up without delay. I pray that by means of striking miracles, she will make Holy Church recognise her glory, her great glory!'

Dom Remy Buzy, O.S.B. (monk of La Pierre qui Vire), knew the Mother intimately, having met her first in 1885. He writes: 'Among the stars, there are some that shine with a special brilliancy. Allow me to speak of your Mother Mary St Peter, so calm, so full of confidence in the uncertainties of a vocation, which she herself would never have deemed possible. Then God spoke to her, she listened, she did not reason with God. God spoke, God led her, God enkindled the fire of her love... Mother St Peter never said to God: 'Thy work is too great, and I, I am too little.'" She put herself in God's hands, and her life became an incessant progress from virtue to virtue, from perfection to perfection. Everything in her was in harmony with the supreme Will of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.'

The Abbé Charles Sauvé was himself very near death when the Mother died. At the request of the nuns he wrote a few lines about her. 'Adèle Garnier was ten years older than I. I knew her for the first time when I was fourteen. I saw her very often, hundreds of times, knew her intimately. From the point of view of natural qualities, she was of exquisite character, one in whom one could not find the very smallest defect.'

'But it is above all from the point of view of supernatural virtues that one was bound to admire her. I never remember to have seen her fail in the smallest degree, in the theological and moral virtues. Among her virtues, I think that supernatural abandonment to the Will of God, and charity – this last remained hidden to a great extent by her humility – are the most remarkable features of her perfection. The letters she wrote me made these clear, without her willing it. There could be nothing more simple, more true.'

The writer of these lines died March 11, 1925. He was in his seventy-seventh year.

Père Vasseur, O.M.I., who knew the Mother so intimately at Montmartre, wrote on July 7, 1924, that on the day of her funeral he was in the train, and passing by Lisieux, he saw the little cemetery where the body of the little Saint Therese rested for some years. 'I thought of the cemetery at Royston, and I said to myself: "There also is a sepulchre which will soon be glorious, for the greater extension of the reign of the Sacred Heart." Ah, yes, we must pray for the glorification of the servant of the divine King, who was on earth, the most humble among the most humble. This will be henceforward one of my intentions at Holy Mass.' A letter from the Benedictine nuns of Maredret, [Mother passes a few days here in 1913] contains this passage: 'The earth has lost a Saint, it is true, but Heaven has gained one. ... We will pray with you for the repose of the soul of her whom we venerate, but with you also we will pray to her, and commend ourselves with confidence to her powerful intercession.'

The English Canonesses of Bruges and Hayward's Heath have been for years united with Tyburn in religious affection. The Mother Foundress had stayed with them at Bruges in 1910, and the Superior had visited Tyburn.

I will give a letter from Mother M. Berchmans, formerly Prioress General (June, 1924), to Mother Agnes: 'I need not say I pray for her. For months I have asked a "good night" for her just before leaving the Blessed Sacrament in the evening. Now I ask "eternal rest" for her . . . but I feel, as all who knew her must feel, that she is rather to be prayed to than for. I shall look on the cross she has held as a precious relic. What a most blessed privilege for you to have been so intimately united with a Saint! Pray for me to her, please, dear Mother. Surely, she





will refuse you nothing. I have kept the letters she wrote me, expecting her to be canonised some day. Abbot Columba Marmion had told me something of her and of the apparition of St. Benedict to her... I have just come from Choir, and opening our Missal, I fell on words which seemed to me to describe exactly the impression Mère Marie de St. Pierre made on me. It is the prayer in the Mass of the Sacred Heart, *Egredimini*, in which we ask to become *conformes imagini bonitatis tuae* (*Conformed to the likeness of Thy goodness*). That is just what she had become.'

Dom Pierre Bastien, O.S.B.,  
consultor of the Sacred Congregation  
of Religious and monk of Maredsous, wrote, on June 22, 1924:

'For long dead to the world and to the earth, she has gone to live with Him whom she loved so dearly, taught others to love, and served with an entire gift of herself.... Now she rests on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and that for ever she will be your protectress, and even more than in this life your counsellor. What she has not been able to do in this life for her dear Congregation, she will finish in Heaven, and even better still, for she will see in God His designs for this work, and will obtain His graces and blessings for this little grain of mustard-seed, which she has planted and watered with her tears and sweat.'

In another letter, after speaking of various recent beatifications and canonisations, he adds: "The good Mother St. Peter has left us for Heaven; I have no doubt whatever that one day, and perhaps very soon, her cause will also be introduced at Rome."

Countless other friends wrote to Tyburn in the same sense, as those whom we have here quoted. All proclaimed their belief that she was a true Saint, and had already entered into her glory.

The present writer ventures to hope that the publication of this Life may help to hasten the happy day when she will be raised to the altars of the Church. This biography is, indeed utterly unworthy of her, but it has been a true labour of love, and he rejoices to think that he is writing these lines on the Feast of All Saints of the Order of St Benedict. And he prays that he may be spared to see her numbered with these Saints on earth, as she has no doubt long been in the glory everlasting of Heaven.

## *Martyrs' Crypt News*

Easter brought joy and many blessings amongst which were frequent visitors to Tyburn Martyrs Shrine: young and old, lay and religious, families and individuals. English visitors as well as foreign from the



furthest parts of the world came to hear about the history of the amazing faith and courage the English Catholics faced with the most brutal, calculated, and continuous persecution. There were those from New Zealand, United States, as well as Ireland, Italy, Switzerland, France, just to mention a few locations. For example, a group of people from Hong Kong were brought to Tyburn Shrine as part of their reception into the Catholic Church at London Saint Patrick's. Worth mentioning is a visit of over three dozen priests from the Archdiocese of Toledo, Spain. The priests came to Tyburn to pay respect to the Martyrs as part of their pilgrimage following in the steps of St. John Henry Newman and other saints of England. After Holy Mass in the Shrine of the Martyrs, Spanish guests listened to the talk about the persecution of Catholics and the history of martyrdom in UK as well as receiving a very warm welcome in Spanish by Very Reverend Mother General – Mother Marilla.



The Martyrs' Shrine is traditionally attended by several school groups, perhaps the biggest of them this season being a large group of eighty or so girls from St. Mary's Catholic School, Ascot.

Several other events took place in the Shrine, including 2000 Hail Marys every first Saturday of the month, prayer retreats dedicated to Our Lady led by the Marian Franciscans, and a day of retreat for vocations for women given by Rev. Fr de Malleray, FSSP. For the latter group, one of our Mothers gave a talk describing her way to religious vocation, life in a religious community in general and at Tyburn in particular. Both retreats were crowned by the celebration of Holy Mass.

### *Martyrs' Tour*



A small group of six (number only limited by places in a taxi) of Tyburn friends and volunteers led and driven by a faithful helper and great friend of Tyburn community - Tom Henry - went around London visiting various sites related to the Tyburn Martyrs and their executions. Tom proved to be a very knowledgeable guide and a great devotee of English and Welsh Martyrs.

The tour started at the church of St. Etheldreda, perhaps the oldest surviving Catholic church in London still belonging to Catholics with its beautiful stained glass windows dedicated to the very first Tyburn martyrs, and wooden sculptures commemorating several other later ones. The group also visited the London Charterhouse, Smithfield, St. Paul's Cathedral Square and paid respects to those executed on Tower Hill near the Tower of London. Last, but not least, Tom took everybody to Clink Prison Museum to learn about a sad history of suffering, persecution, and torture of many, including those imprisoned there for their Catholic faith. Everybody sadly admitted that most of the places visited bore no sign, commemorative board or information stand explaining the history and significance of the sites and their roles in the history of the capital and country.

Anybody who would like to have a similar tour is welcome and could do so by approaching Tom via Tyburn Convent.





## *Tyburn Martyrs'*

### *Commemoration, 4th May*

4<sup>TH</sup> of May brought the Commemoration of the Tyburn Martyrs starting with the Divine Office of Vespers. We had the beautiful Ceremony commemorating the Martyrs. This included a procession to the Crypt for the Ceremony of the Roses and ended with Benediction back in the main Chapel. Refreshments were enjoyed by all afterwards and there was the opportunity to meet and talk with some of our sisters. A good many people turned up as usual to honour the Martyrs so the the Chapel and Crypt were full.

*The Crypt altar was beautifully decorated and here you can see our Chaplain, Rev. Fr Barry Braum standing obediently in front of it for a picture!*

## *Unity Vespers*

The Unity Vespers this year took place on Sunday 21st January and was presided over by Tyburn Convent's resident chaplain Rev. Fr Barry Braum. The visiting Anglican Vicar the Right Rev. Christopher Trundle preached well. He had a great love and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. There were refreshments in the Chapter room, where all were invited to tea and sandwiches and an opportunity to talk with each other and to the Tyburn Mothers. There were quite a few religious sisters who came to the Unity Vespers and stayed for the refreshments after. They paid a visit to the tomb of our Mother Foundress, Servant of God, Mother Marie Adele Garnier. Very Mother General encouraged them to ask Mother Marie Adele Garnier for vocations to their religious communities.



## "Farm" News



We have stopped breeding rabbits and have switched over entirely to chickens. We do have a few rabbits left that are very tame and we would like them to go to good homes. If someone is looking for pet rabbits let us know! They are large.



We have a mother and daughter rabbit waiting to go to a good home. They are inseparable as they are ALWAYS together as seen in the photos!

## Bees

You may remember from our previous newsletter how our bees very sadly disappeared. One kind priest friend mentioned our predicament to a friend of his who consequently very kindly donated 2 new colonies of bees . . . These are due to arrive on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. There is a possibility that wasps cleared out the bees last year. . . but we are not deterred (yet) and we will try again!



We have also planted some easy care plants that the bees love, especially lavender and rosemary.



## Farm Visitor

We had an unexpected visitor turn up and make himself at home. He seemed quite young and was very scared. One sister tamed him up in a couple of weeks by feeding him and ended being able to pat him . . . until she was able to catch him and put him in a cat carrier. A kind friend took him to Battersea Dogs and Cats Home to see if it had an owner and to get it looked after and hopefully rehomed.

## Raffle

We have again this year some very good cash raffle prizes. 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.

Tickets can also be bought online:

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

**TYBURN CONVENT**  
*Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

# Grand Draw 2024

1st Prize: £500  
2nd Prize: £300  
3rd Prize: £200    4th Prize: £100    5th prize: £50  
6th & 7th Prize: Hamper

Check our website for details: [www.tyburnconvent.org.uk/raffletickets](http://www.tyburnconvent.org.uk/raffletickets)

**Drawn on Saturday 26th October 2024 at 3.00pm in Tyburn Convent**  
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Registered under the Gambling Act 2005 with Westminster City Council

Tickets £1 each - £5 per book of 5 (online £6 per book of 5)



## Thank You!

We are very grateful to all our friends and benefactors for all the support you have given to our Community and Congregation. Thank you for your prayers, sacrifices,

volunteering time to help out in various ways, and donations.

We wish you all a Happy 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. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us and on our families and friends. Amen!

*The Tyburn Nuns*

*Please pass Tyburn Talk on to a friend!*

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

# **17 June 2024**

## **Centenary**

### **Holy Mass 11:00 am**

Main Celebrant: Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency  
Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía

**Centenary of the death of the Servant of God  
Mother Marie Adèle Garnier, Foundress of the  
Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Montmartre  
Order of St Benedict (Tyburn Nuns)**



**Everyone welcome.**

**Priests: Please bring  
alb and stole.**

**Lunch to follow.**