
TYBURN NEWSLETTER

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Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus June 2019

Dear Friends of Tyburn Monastery,

As the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is almost here let us reflect on the infinite love of the Heart Christ for us which leads us to the very mystery of God. At every moment, the whole world is enveloped in the love of this Heart, who is the source of our redemption. Consider to what excess His love of mankind has driven Him and what it cost Him to redeem them from sin and death and to open for them the gates of heaven. In addition to the wounds in Our Lord's feet and hands, He also wished to open the wound of His Heart, the seat of love, in order that souls might enter therein and find refuge and relief. The psalmist overwhelmed by the love of God exclaimed: "How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?" (Psalm 115) Hence, let us strive to repay in some way the love which the Sacred Heart of Jesus has for us by showing Him our love and gratitude.

Community News

We commenced this year beautifully with the Solemnity of the Mother of God, imploring her to guide and protect Her children in all the vicissitudes of life, as she being the best of Mothers, is ever solicitous for their welfare. On New Year Eve, some of our lay adorers did a whole night vigil before the Blessed Sacrament and since then, they have continued coming on every first Friday of the month.

Then from the beginning of January till the end of February, we had a busy retreat centre with many guests coming and going and of course most weekends were booked out. The Bonds of Marian Love came for a weekend retreat from the 15th-17th of February. A couple who came for the retreat had their baby baptised in our Church after Holy Mass on Sunday to the joy of her parents.

We welcomed Helen from California on the 5th of March. She stayed with us till the 9th, during which time she was able to explore our Monastery and its grounds and to meet our Community before going to our Monastery at Ngakuru to enter there as a postulant.

On the 16th of March, a group of about 30 people with their organizer, John Mills spent the day at our Monastery to celebrate the opening of the new Secondary School, St Ignatius of Loyola in Drury. They concluded with Holy Mass at 5pm, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Chris Gleeson in our Church which we all attended.

Rev. Fr. John Roberts came for a 10 - day retreat commencing on the Saturday before Passion Sunday till Easter Tuesday, and during his stay, he concelebrated the Conventual Mass daily with our Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Arobati. We are glad that he was able to accompany us spiritually through this important period of the liturgical year with his inspiring homilies.

On Good Friday, at the Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, there was an enormous turnout of more than 400 people, overflowing outside the Church entrance. The weather was perfect and everyone could assemble outside in the car park



Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday.



Snap shots on Easter Vigil night.

with ease for the Easter Fire ceremony. As usual, James our gardener did a good job in lighting and maintaining the Easter Fire while Rev. Fr. John Roberts carried the newly lit Paschal candle in procession into the dark chapel. When the lights came on, we found our church sanctuary decked with magnificent floral arrangements with a wide array of colours, interspersed with the light purple of exquisite roses.

On Easter Sunday, our Church was again packed to overflowing for Mass. May the joy and love of the Risen Christ live forever in the hearts of all the Faithful.

On the 27th of April, Lorna and Edward Reynosa became Novice Oblates and received the names, Br. Joseph and Sr. Monica during their ceremony. Their two sons and a number of our Oblates were present on this happy occasion.



With our new Novice-Oblates, Br. Joseph and Sr. Monica and their two sons.

Eight members of the Legion of Mary from Mangere came with their Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Manos Kunnah CSSR for a weekend retreat from the 17th to the 19th May. During their retreat, Fr. Manos concelebrated Holy Mass with our Chaplain each day and on Sunday, he gave a beautiful homily on Our Lady.

On the 18th of May, the wedding of Emma Sadicon and Alvara Rodriguez took place in our Chapel at 2pm. As Emma is Filipino and Alvara is Spanish, there was an interesting mixture of Filipino and Spanish custom and tradition interwoven in the wedding ceremony.

James our gardener continues to maintain our property in good order as well as looking after our farm animals. Earlier this summer, he planted a wide assortment of vegetables and soon we had a good crop of savoy and red cabbages, cucumbers, capsicums, courgettes, lettuces, spring onions, chives, potatoes and tomatoes. Recently he has been working on a large newly constructed vegetable patch and now there are already



Our vegetable garden

a lot of young vegetables growing in it, some ready to be harvested.

We have ten chickens at the moment and our four hens continue to provide us with a steady supply of eggs. One of our hens had 5 little chicks last Christmas and now they are almost fully grown. At the beginning of the year, James and our good friend, Nathan both constructed a fenced enclosure for the cock and the three hens as well as another one adjacent to it for the mother hen and her chicks. Since the chicks have all grown up, they are now able to move around freely among the other adult chickens within their enclosure.



Our chicks - 1st January



and our 'chicks' now

Forty Hours Devotion

Our Forty Hours Devotion will commence with Holy Mass at 5:00pm on Friday, the 21st of June followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with Holy Mass at 9:30am on Sunday, the 23rd of June with a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. You are most welcome to take part in this Devotion which will draw many blessings and graces for you from Our Eucharistic

Lord. On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Holy Mass will be offered for all our friends and benefactors who have been incredibly supportive and generous and continue to assist us in so many ways. Please be assured of our prayers for you before our Eucharistic Lord and may the Sacred Heart of Jesus enfold you and all your loved ones in His infinite love.

Yours in Christ
The Tyburn Nuns