
TYBURN NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS 2017

*May the Blessings and Holiness of Christmas Remain
with You Throughout the Coming Year*

Dear Friends of Tyburn Monastery,

Advent with its time of preparation, confident expectation and longing for the Lord's coming has finally dawned upon us. The very thought that Christ is coming as the Saviour of World and the Prince of Peace should fill our hearts with sentiments of ineffable joy and profound gratitude to God who has so loved us that He sent us His only begotten Son. Christ chose to be born like one of us, clothed in human flesh with all its weakness and suffering. (He wants to experience how hard it is to be man.) He wants to remain with us to the end of time, to dwell within us and make us sharers of His nature. Although the universe is His throne and the earth His footstool, He has put away such majestic apparel so as not to frighten us. From the crib as a throne, He exercises His rule of peace. He comes to us as the King of Peace and bestows peace as His gift by effecting our pardon and reconciliation. At this Christmas, Jesus the eternally begotten Son of God desires to be born anew in our hearts and allows us to share Mary's motherly joy. May we be ready to receive Him when He comes – Maranatha, come Lord Jesus!

Community News

During the month of June, we had the 40 hour Eucharistic Devotion which commenced with Holy Mass at 5pm on the Friday before Corpus Christi. This was followed by the Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the length of the forty hours and finally terminated with the Mass of Corpus Christi and the Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, presided over by Rev. Fr. John Roberts. We are blessed to be able to complete the 40 hours with the help of a fervent group of laity who volunteered to help up with the night adoration. A good number of laity turned up for Holy Mass on Sunday and stayed on for the procession after Mass. The procession which was accompanied with the singing of the Eucharistic hymns, commenced from the Church entrance and concluded in front of the temporary altar outside the retreat quarters with the Litany of the Sacred Heart and Benediction. Prior to this celebration, James our gardener set up the temporary altar and artistically adorned it with several of his exquisite floral arrangements.

On the 18th of August, we joyfully welcomed Sr. M. Anastasia, a newly professed Junior who has been assigned to our Community. It was only less than two weeks after her First Profession at our Monastery at

Ngakuru when she came to us. Sister is settling down happily here and continues to radiate the joy which springs from the abundance of the heavenly blessings she has received through her total consecration to God.



Fr. John Roberts leading the Eucharistic Procession on Corpus Christi.

On the 3rd of August, we received a visit from Sr. Samuel, Provincial of the Asiatic region of the Sisters of the Morning Star who came with Michael Pervan, the iconographer who sculptured the statue of Our Lady of Ngakuru some years ago. Her religious order is considering setting up a new foundation in Auckland in near future.

In October, a group of 7 students from the Discipleship College together with their Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Carl Telford came for a 4-day retreat at our guest quarters. The students participated in our Liturgy of Hours, Holy Mass and adoration and they left spiritually refreshed after the retreat.

On the 6th of November, a group of 7 Diocesan priests from the Auckland and Hamilton Diocese came for a 5-day retreat and we were privileged to have a concelebrated Mass each day during their stay.

Other Houses

On the 6th of June, Feast of the Transfiguration, two Nigerian Novices, Sr. M. Cecilia and Sr. M. Anastasia made their Temporary Profession at our Monastery in Ngakuru. Bishop Steven Lowe who was the main celebrant for the Profession Mass told the two newly Professed Juniors that they were his first fruits of Religious Profession since his ordination as a Bishop. Rev. Mother M. Lucy from our Community was able to present on this very happy occasion.

At the Mother House in London, two Sisters also made their Temporary Profession; Sr. M. Thomasina on the 19th of June while Sr. Mary Jude had hers on the 19th of August. Our Sisters at the Mother House commented on how beautiful the Sisters looked in their black veils and that the many people who came were happy to be witnesses of these two joyful events.

On the 15th of August, Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, Rev. Mother M. Matthias celebrated the Golden Jubilee of her Profession at our Monastery in Cobh. Our Sisters in Cobh described the ceremony as a very touching one especially when the Jubilarian moved to the sanctuary to sing the *Sucipe* – ‘Uphold me Lord...’ in Latin.

At Riverstone in Australia, there will be a double celebration on the 21st of Nov. with Rev. Mother M. Cyril celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of her Profession and Sr. M. Veronica making her Monastic Profession on the same day.

Cards for recycling

We are grateful for any used cards which can be recycled.

Chapel Extension

We are planning to make two extensions to the chapel once more to cope with the increasing numbers of people attending Mass. We hope this project will commence early next year.

Marie Adele Garnier on YouTube

Rev. Mother M. Xavier recently presented a series of five interesting talks on the life and spirituality of Venerable Marie Adele Garnier which can be viewed on YouTube. You are all most welcomed to view it on ‘Mother Marie Adele Conferences – Cobh.’

Holy Mass for Christmas

Solemn Office of Nocturns for Christmas will be at 8:00pm followed by Christmas Eve Mass at 9:00pm. Christmas Day Mass will be at 9:30am. All are most welcome.

Finally we wish you and all your dear ones a very blessed and joy-filled Christmas and New Year.



Sr. M Anastasia and Sr. M. Cecilia on their Profession Day at Ngakuru.