
TYBURN NEWSLETTER

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Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus June 2018

Dear Friends of Tyburn Monastery,

As the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is fast approaching, let us prepare ourselves for this great liturgical celebration of the Church by reflecting how this loving Heart of Jesus has thought of you, has loved you and has procured you a thousand means of salvation, even as many as if there were no other souls in the world to think of. "He loved me," says St. Paul "and had delivered Himself for me." Consider the eternal love the Heart of Jesus has for you. Before Christ as man suffered on the cross for you, He already foresaw your existence and loved you exceedingly. When did His love for you begin? You were in the mind of God from all eternity. He speaks to you as well as to others, when He says by the prophet Isaiah; "I have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore have I drawn you, taking pity on you." Hence forth, let us endeavour to repay in some way the love which the Sacred Heart has for us by showing Him our love and

gratitude.

Community News

We welcomed the New Year with the Solemnity of the Mother of God which ever remind us that we have a very loving Mother who is always solicitous in guiding and caring for us. There was a good turnout of laity for Holy Mass on that day.

On the 1st of February, a group of approximately twelve men from the Joshua Catholic Fellowship came for a retreat with their Chaplain, Most Rev. Bishop Denis. The following day, on the Feast of Our Lord's Presentation, Bishop Denis celebrated Holy Mass and at the conclusion of the Eucharistic celebration, five members of the Joshua Fellowship who had been elected leaders, stepped onto the sanctuary to receive the Bishop's blessing.

Our Chaplain Rev. Fr. Arabati went on holidays for three weeks at the beginning of Holy Week during which time Rev. Fr. John Roberts replaced him as our temporary chaplain till the 9th of April and after that Rev. Fr. Andrew Mathew till the 13th of April. Our Church was filled with a great throng of laity on Good Friday during the Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion and also at the Easter Sunday Mass. The dismal, showery weather at the start of Easter Vigil Mass did not prevent most of the laity

from taking part in the ceremony of the Easter Fire. In spite of the rain which threatened to extinguish the Fire, our gardener James managed to keep it going by having an umbrella held over it. It was fortunate for everyone that the rain halted and wind dropped when it was time to process into the Church. We were amazed at how smoothly the procession went as we had no trouble in keeping our candles and the Paschal Candle alight – thanks be to God!

On the 2nd of April, we farewelled Sr. M. Anastasia who left us for our Monastery at Ngakuru and we welcomed Sr. M. Cecilia who is assigned to our



Easter Vigil. Mass with Rev. Fr. John

Community, the following day. Sr. M. Cecilia has settled down happily and she is currently cooking delicious lunches for our Community and guests. God took to Himself our friend Roye Hammond on the 11th of April in his 100th year. Roye was one of the few surviving 1942 Battle of Crete veterans and a founding member of the Returned and Service Association. In his later life, he generously volunteered his services in building and maintaining our bush walks for nearly fifteen years. Rev. Mother M Angela and Mother Philippa-Mary, with the permission of Mother General attended Roye's Memorial Service at RSA Franklin's Clubroom on the 21st of April. Being a quick minded and witty person, he is greatly missed by all who encountered him for his good sense of humour, clever repartees and positive attitude. May he rest in peace.



Our chapel sanctuary on Easter Sunday

Other Houses

Our dear Mother M. Simon passed peacefully to the Lord on the 3rd of April in her 84th year at our Mother House in London. Mother's mind remained lucid till the end and she died surrounded by the entire Community, her sister Helen and her niece Kara. Rev. Mother M. Xavier recalled her last words, about 20 minutes before she slipped away. She wrote; ' One of the older nuns who was her former novice, praying by her bedside took her hand and feeling them to be so cold as were also her arms, said to Mother Simon, "are you alright, Mother – your hands and arms are so

cold. Mother Simon opened her eyes, and looking at her former novice replied in a clear, calm voice – "Outside my hands and arms may be cold but inside I burn with a Divine Fire.'" She was appointed the first Prioress and Novice Mistress in 1996, at the beginning of our Bombay Foundation and since then, had endeared herself to those she encountered. May she rest in the peace of Our Risen Christ. At the Mother House, Sr. M. Clare made her First Profession on the 24th of February and two months later, Sr. Maria Gratia, Sr. M. Joan and Sr. M. Noelle on the 14th of April were professed. In Largs, Scotland, Sr. M. Eunice also made her First Profession on the 3rd of March while Sr. M. Agnes from Tyburn Priory made hers in April.

Recently we received the very good news that our Mother Foundress' house at Grancey-Le-Chateau, in France will be officially opened on the 15th of August, Solemnity of Our Lady's Assumption. The Prioresses from each of the Houses of our Congregation have been invited to this historical event.

Forty Hours Devotion

Our Forty Hours Devotion will commence with Holy Mass at 5:00pm on Friday, the 1st of June followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with Holy Mass at 9:30am on Sunday, the 3rd of June followed by 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



Some members of our Community