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## *Christmas Newsletter 2017*

100 years of Fatima 1917 - 2017

“...*You* will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes  
and lying in a manger”... (Lk. 2:11)

This news of great joy announced by the angels was not announced to the rich, the noble or the great religious leaders of the time, but, as always and as has ever been and always will be, to the humble, the lowly. The first to hear the message of the birth and whereabouts of the New Born King were the lowly shepherds, because it is only those who are lowly who can not only hear, but also accept the Word of God. They immediately without delay said to one another, “Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us”... “and they found everything exactly as they had been told by the angels” (Lk. 2: 15, 20).

The same thing occurred 100 years ago in Fatima. The Blessed Virgin Mary did not appear to the wealthy, or men of high station, but to three shepherd children, asking them if they would like to make sacrifices and offer themselves for the love of Jesus, the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the conversion of sinners and they joyfully accepted the Blessed Virgin’s invitation. Today, 100 years on, the Blessed Virgin still asks all of us to offer our lives in sacrifice for the same intentions. This centenary year has been made a jubilee year with Holy Mother Church lavishly granting an abundance of indulgences to all of her children. Two of the children, Blessed Jacinta and Blessed Francisco were canonized this year by Pope Francis on the 13<sup>th</sup> May, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first apparition.



Here in our monastery, we have united ourselves with the whole Church to celebrate this great event. We had a special Fatima day on 13<sup>th</sup> May with rosary and devotions, including readings on the apparitions etc. We did the same on 13<sup>th</sup> October with rosary and readings on the miracle of the sun. We celebrated 3 days preparation for the consecration of Scotland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by the Bishop’s Conference of Scotland, which took place at Cavin Grotto on 3<sup>rd</sup> September this year. Beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> September, we had devotions, rosary and readings each day, concluding with Holy Hour and Benediction on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. May she obtain from her Divine Son an abundance of graces and blessings for all her children. We also had the privilege of having the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima with us from



16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September while she was in this diocese during this centenary year. We had a very blest week indeed, with rosary, hymns, devotions and readings each day. The day before the departure of the statue, Rev. Fr. Joe McAuley, the spiritual director of the World Apostolate of Fatima here in Scotland celebrated Holy Mass at 12 midday and in the afternoon during the devotions, roses were blest and given out to everyone before we ended with Benediction.

Throughout the year, the study day on the life and spirituality of our Mother Foundress, the Servant of God, Mother Marie Adele Garnier has continued on the last Saturday of each month (it will resume on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018) and more people are coming to know about her holiness and coming to invoke her intercession for all their needs and intentions. For more information and bookings for the study day please contact Mother Prioress.

The ladies' group of the Legion of Mary continues to come on the last Friday night of each month at 8 pm – 6 am for an all night vigil of adoration and *they are extending an invitation to women* who might like to join them. If you would like to join them, please contact [therese.feeney13@gmail.com](mailto:therese.feeney13@gmail.com) The men's group has also continued to come this year for all night adoration and will come again on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 from 8 pm and finish up with Holy Mass at 8 am on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018, feast of St. John Ogilvie SJ. *Men who wish to come would be most welcome.* For more information please contact Mother Prioress.

Our **retreat house** facilities and **cottage** for families and groups continue to be very popular. If you would like to make a retreat with us, advanced bookings are essential. Our tea room and museum are also a popular feature here in our monastery and will re – open beginning Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the week end (excluding Easter weekend).

On 26<sup>th</sup> August we had our annual Strawberry Tea which, thanks to everyone who helped not only on the day itself but also in the background, was a grand success in every way. We are now preparing for our **Christmas Fayre** on 25<sup>th</sup> **November** and any donations would be very much appreciated.

Our monastery shop has a selection of hand made rosaries and hand made cards for various occasions including Christmas. You are welcome to come to the monastery and see what we have to offer or we can send you what you require. Our book shop has also a variety of good spiritual reading as well as devotional books and we also have a variety of gifts for Christmas and other occasions.

We have recently had a new sound system put into our chapel which seems to be working well and the roof repairs have now been completed. We are very grateful to all our friends and benefactors who have generously supported us throughout

the past year. Our next project will be to replace approximately **20 windows** throughout the building.

As the end of this liturgical year approaches and we begin anew with the holy season of Advent, we thank God for all the graces and blessings He has bestowed upon each one of us throughout the past year. We spend this holy season united with Mary in joyful anticipation of the birth of her Divine Son and with all our being thank Him for what His great love has done for us.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered once a month for all our friends and benefactors as a token of our appreciation for your generosity and support.

May God bless you and your families abundantly always, but most especially throughout the Advent and Christmas Season and the coming year ahead.

Mother Prioress and community.

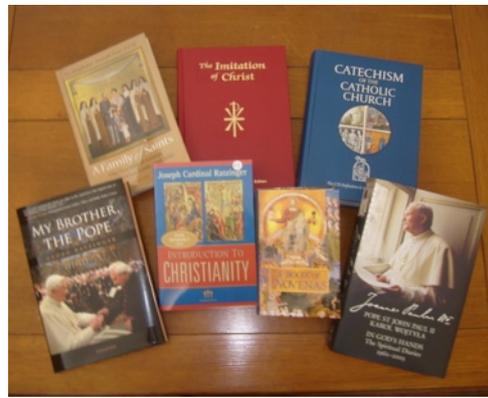
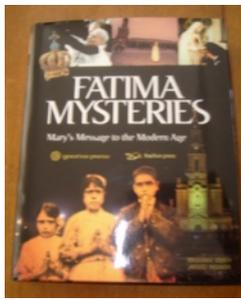


“The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone”

Isaiah 9:1



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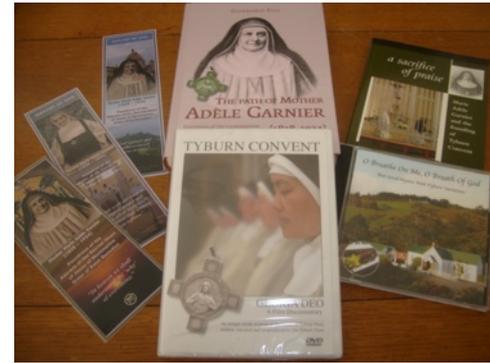
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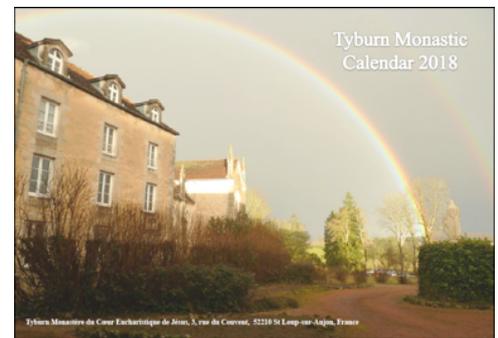
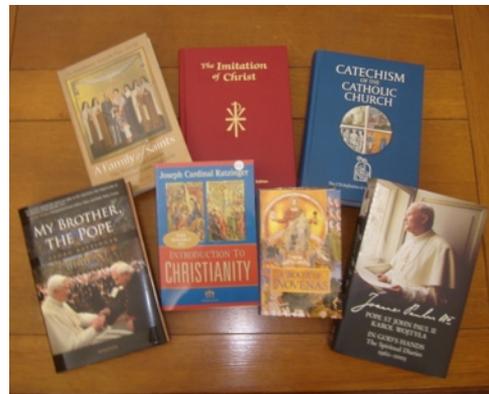
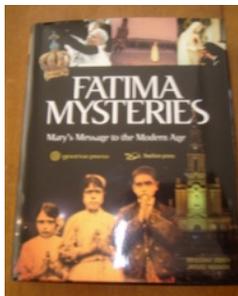


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