



# Tyburn Talk

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**Christmas 2018 Happy New Liturgical Year!!!**

**MARANATHA!!** Christmas, one of our favourite times of the year!- a time of grace, blessings and deep deep joy as we wait for the Birth of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! **MARANATHA! COME LORD JESUS!** Here in St Loup, near the birthplace of our saintly

Mother Foundress- **Servant of God Marie Adèle Garnier**, we have a close idea of what her Christmas experiences must have been like- cold winter days and nights, warm fires burning next to the Christmas tree and little Nativity. A time of **JOY** and of thanksgiving! Our Mother Foundress experienced all these things and much more on a higher level. As our Mother knelt before the crèche her love for the Eucharistic Jesus is unsurpassed! We have in our archives one Christmas experience she had experienced in 1887- it is a treasure to read!- *"I found myself in spirit beside the Crib, where I prostrated myself in order to adore Him. At that moment I received a vivid , penetrating light, showing me in the Eucharist, Jesus actually containing all the states of His earthly life...Jesus explained to me that everywhere that He is Eucharistically Present , He reproduces through*

*an unceasing state, all the circumstances, all the nations, all the merits, of his mortal life, all at one and the same time, and perpetually. Thus, just as Mary and Joseph ,the Shepherds, the Magi, were truly in the Presence of the Divine Child at the Crib, so in the Eucharist we have the Divine Child with the same graces even for us. In fact , even still more wonderfully, because it is by faith and not by the senses that we are contemplating this Mystery."* This is an incredible spiritual insight from our Mother Foundress which we can reflect upon during this Christmas.

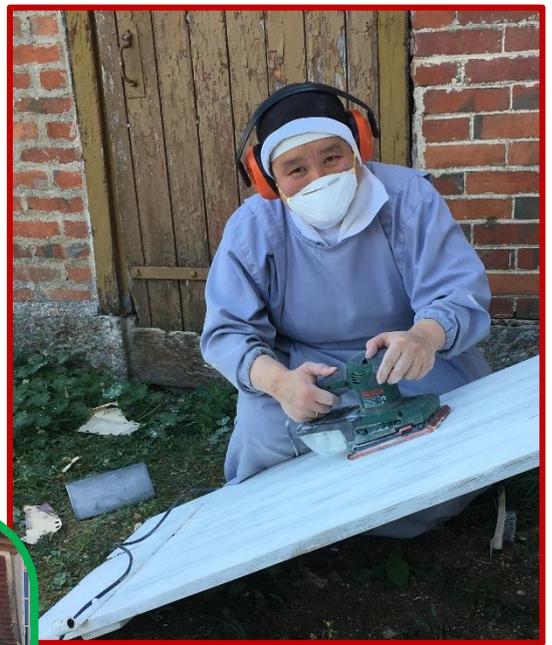
### **Preparations for August 15:**

**2018** will be a year to remember for our Congregation with the historic **Opening of Maison Garnier and the Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption** at Grancey-le-Chateau. This was a beautiful "birthday gift" for the 180<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Marie Adele Garnier **on 15<sup>th</sup> August – Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption**. As the deadline was nearing and the work still far from finished, God sent us two brothers from Ireland- Derek and Tony. These two generous souls cleaned, repaired and painted all the walls in Maison Garnier! They did a marvellous job as you will see in the photos. May God bless them both!





Other friends joined the Sisters in cleaning and preparing Maison Garnier. Rita and her brother from Lithuania worked long hours alongside some of our Mothers , putting final touches to the Chapel etc.



As August 15<sup>th</sup> loomed nearer and nearer we all worked faster

and faster, and the weather became hotter and hotter!! On some days it was 35 degrees celsius! Just a bit more penance for the salvation of souls! However in spite of the hot weather spirits were high and a great joy and excitement could be felt by everyone! Slowly the Chapel was starting to feel like a real chapel. The Altar-reredos which Mother General had bought second-hand was transported by James from England! It was carefully repainted by Mother Seraphim.



## Arrival of Visitors for August 15<sup>th</sup>

As August arrived so also did the **Mother Prioresses from our Monasteries around the world**- coming to celebrate the Opening of Maison Garnier and the Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption! It was a very happy and joyful reunion for all, the sound of laughter heard everywhere in our little Monastery! Many friends and Oblates from near and far were also invited for this event , arriving at our doorstep with equal excitement!



Our visiting Sisters did all they could to help in any way they could to help with the preparations; some were cooking or cleaning, others were sewing or helping in the sacristy....Nuns everywhere! And three happy Sisters from Montmartre made the long journey for this special occasion!



Back at St Loup Mother Dominica prepared all the food

almost singlehandedly! She is amazing! Mother Martin was kept busy answering phone calls and doorbells, Mother Narcissa was in charge of the Guest House, Rev Mother Josephine prepared all the sacristy items for the Opening Mass and Mother Brigid was praying hard for everyone!



The people of Grancey-le-Chateau were also very excited as they watched Maison Garnier becoming a beehive of activity!



### **Journalists**

from France and other countries began their interviews;

cameras were set up in and around the large tent that was set up for the Opening Mass. Mother General gave a lovely interview to a French Catholic TV station-KTO, the equivalent of EWTN in English speaking countries.



# THE OPENING OF MAISON GARNIER AND THE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION.

**August 15<sup>th</sup> 2018-** Early in the morning of this wonderful day a large bus parked outside our Monastery gates to transport our many guests to Grancey-le-Chateau. The Opening Mass and ceremony was presided by

**Rev Fr Sauer**, the Parish priest of Grancey. This was the last Mass Fr Sauer said for us as he was going to Montpellier to enter the Carmelite order, so it was a great blessing for us as he has a very great devotion to our Mother

Foundress. May God bless Him in his vocation. Our chaplain Fr Margerard, Father Alexandre de Mandat-Grancey, and two Colombian priests, Rev Fr Hector and Rev Fr Manuel, also concelebrated on this wonderful day.



**VRMother formally opened Maison Garnier with the key and RM**

**Xavier cut the ceremonial ribbon.** Patrick Nourrisat the Mayor of Grancey made a short speech expressing his gratitude for the presence of our Congregation in his small village, which was reiterated by the applause afterwards from the local people and our many friends, benefactors and Oblates- all of whom we are ever so grateful for their generosity and support, making this day a milestone in our Congregation of the Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.!



The Rosary Procession followed immediately after Mass and we

made our way to the Collegial chapel on the Grancey estate. The Baron and Baroness de Mandat-Grancey were very gracious to allow the large crowd onto their beautiful and historic property.





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**During the Rosary** in the chapel of St Jean, the Baroness had a surprise for everyone- she had organised one of her friends **Mr Tomas Melani de Mendiburu** a young and very gifted opera singer- to sing Ave Maria, which was a very moving and amazing experience for all! His God-given voice truly uplifted everyone at that moment, the acoustics were incredible! Everyone was so silent and still -just listening to the words and meditating on Our Lady!

After some time in the beautiful chapel of St Jean everyone made there way back to



the tent where Very Rev Mother General said a few words of gratitude and appreciation to all our friends and benefactors here and in other countries around the world. Maison Garnier would not exist had it not been for the many generous souls who made this possible, and we thank each and every one of you. You have made many Nuns very happy and they in appreciation will be praying for you and your intentions.

At the end of this wonderful event refreshments were served to all the guests and an opportunity for all to have a look inside Maison Garnier and the renovated chapel.

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## MONKS OF THE SACRED HEART-

*"The Tyburn Monks!"*



**A male branch of the Tyburn Nuns?**-Yes you heard correctly! God is very much at work with the Monks of the Sacred Heart! These are indeed exciting times! Let us introduce to you Mother Foundress' new religious order – The Monks of the Sacred Heart. We have had many

people reacting with great surprise with this news, but that is how God works! Even the Mothers involved were initially taken by surprise a few years ago. We can tell you that God's hand was in control right from the start, leading and guiding the two priests Rev Fr Manuel and Rev Fr Hector in Colombia.

**On the 16<sup>th</sup> August**, just a day after the Opening of Maison Garnier, the two priest candidates knelt before Mother General and became Benedictine Postulants, following the spirituality of Marie Adele and the founding Charism of her Order of the Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Both priests received the medal of the Sacred Heart in the presence of all the Sisters from St Loup and the visiting Sisters.

More than five years ago these two humble priests were deeply attracted to the Benedictine life and to Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. They knew nothing of the Tyburn Nuns until during a Novena to the Sacred Heart they made the decision to make a serious search online to try and find a Religious order that would help them in their journey. The priests turned on their computer and they saw on the screen a large image of a Nun! - *it was Marie Adele Garnier*. Incredible isn't it?

Mother Foundress certainly seems to know how to use modern technology to great advantage! Fr Manuel said – Then we searched for the Nun's identity and discovered the website of the adorers of the Sacred Heart. In 2013 we contacted these Sisters and we believe that we are being led by God." Later in 2017 the archivist at Tyburn Convent in London discovered a document written by Marie Adele Garnier in 1903 entitled "**The Monk of the Sacred Heart**". What vision did Mother Foundress receive concerning the Monks of the Sacred? This is what she wrote- *'The monks ( of the Sacred Heart) have been awaited by the Church for generations. They will be the apostles of the end times, like arrows soaked with love, and they will lead a "renewal of the flame of faith and the revival of an ebbing love.'* Please continue to pray for these two holy priests.



## OTHER NEWS FROM ST LOUP....

The month of June was a busy time for us where we hosted many groups in our guest house. One special group made a pilgrimage of our Marie Adele

Garnier, **the Benedictine Sisters from Ars.** We welcomed eight Sisters of the Montmartre Benedictines who were very happy and joyful as they were shown around our little Monastery! It was our first meeting with these Sisters from Ars and we tried very hard to remember all their names! However we made it easier by calling each other 'Sister'! (Last year we welcomed their Sisters from Marienthal who were also making a pilgrimage to

Grancey.) The day was very enjoyable as we showed them Maison Garnier then shared a picnic lunch. Afterwards our pilgrimage continued to the Churches at Grancey-le-Chateau and Is-sur-Tille where Mother Foundress had been in her childhood. At the end of the day we farewelled The Sisters who I am sure were a bit fatigued but very happy.



## DAY FOR RELIGIOUS

**On 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018 -the 2032<sup>nd</sup> Birthday of Our Lady,** we held a day for all the Religious of the Diocese of Langres. This tradition began a few years ago in 2016 when on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February we held our first day for Religious, however the Lord sent a heap of snow and so few could come as the roads were too dangerous. Fiat! So this year we decided to move the day to the slightly *warmer* month of September so that there would be no trouble on the roads! The sun shone brightly and Holy Mass was

celebrated in the morning with everyone singing strongly! Afterwards we had lunch, and instead of a traditional meal we decided to pull out the BBQ and treat our Religious brothers and Sisters and our Bishop- to a delicious hot meal which they all thoroughly enjoyed! Christine and her sister helped Mother Dominica with the cooking. Everyone was very relaxed and happy at the end of a wonderful day!



## **\*\* Congratulations to our new Oblate \*\***

– On the **12<sup>th</sup> November** we had an Oblate ceremony for Sophie Marquet who took the name of **Sr. Marie Sylvie de l'Enfant Jesus**. Sophie lives in Dijon and has been a very faithful friend over the past year. Her spiritual journey has been amazing in the past months and we pray that the Lord will continue His work in her life.



**PROVIDENCE FROM GOD!!...** We have been blessed with so much **fruit** this year! Baskets of apples, quinces and strawberries and red berries! Our freezers are full now in



preparation for winter! Not only fruit but with meat as well! Rev Mother Prioress joking prayed for wild boar a few weeks ago, but God turned the joke onto her when we began receiving more



than **12 wild boar** from our friend Christine Wagner who works at the Hunters lodge!! God bless her!! And **THANK YOU GOD!!!** No more jokes!

## **CHRISTMAS MARKET FAYRE LANGRES**



We wish to extend our gratitude to our faithful **Oblate Dominique** and our friends **Martine** and **Raymond** for their generous time and effort they gave in selling our Monastery products at the local Christmas Fayre at **St Anne's** on the 1<sup>st</sup> December!!



*We take this opportunity to thank each one of you who have and continue to support us in extending the Kingdom of God and saving souls! May the Servant of God, Marie Adele Garnier- our Foundress- intercede for each one of you, and may this **Christmas** be a time of deep love and joy in the grace of God!! Amen! Alleluia!!*

***The Tyburn Nuns!***

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