



Dear Friends of Tyburn,

THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT invites us to reflect on the drama surrounding the Nativity of Our Lord- The Annunciation, Elizabeth and Zechariah, the Birth of John the Baptist, the Flight into Egypt, the Shepherds and Angels, the Slaughter of the Innocents, the journey of the Magi. Through meditating on these events we are led by the Holy Spirit to take their truths to heart so they have an impact on the way we live our lives and make our daily decisions allowing Jesus to shape our lives to be like Him. With this in mind we share some of the recent events that have happened in our Community.

ON THE 22ND OF AUGUST, Sr Mary John of Jesus made her Temporary Profession which was presided by Rev. Abbot Cuthbert. Many people attended the ceremony, happy to be part in witnessing the joy of our Sister's consecration and celebrating the wonderful gift of God's calling.



Abbot Cuthbert, VR Mother General, Sr Mary John



Sr Mary John of Jesus at her Temporary Profession

After everyone had gone, we had our own celebration with Sister in the afternoon. Sister had a day's Retreat in thanksgiving the following day.

THE 20TH OF OCTOBER saw the ceremony of Profession of our Novice Oblate, Carmen Neto, and the admission of a Novice Oblate, Stephen Smith. Our Oblates are lay people who wish to be more closely joined to the Tyburn Community through a spiritual commitment and live in the spirit of the Rule of St. Benedict according to their state in life.

OUR ANNUAL FAYRE was held as usual on the last Saturday of October which fell this year on the 27th.



One of our Sisters "helping" Arthur to play his Bagpipes at our Fayre!!

As the deputy lord mayor was late in arriving to open the fayre (due to car troubles), our Chaplain, Rev.Father Brendan Carmody, stepped in and did the honours of cutting the ribbon. The



fayre was generously supported by many of our friends and benefactors and was a very successful day enjoyed by all. Holy Mass was offered the next day for all who had helped in any way towards the fayre.



WE REMEMBERED our former Chaplain Rev.Father Patrick Cope with a Holy Mass celebrated by Rev.Father Dominic, S.J. on the 21st of October to mark the first anniversary since his death. Afterwards we served refreshments for all who had turned up to mark his anniversary with Holy Mass & prayer.



Our Postulant working in the garden

SEVERAL OF OUR SISTERS have worked hard in the garden to produce what vegetables we can in the middle of London! We were able to enjoy particularly fresh beans and tomatoes.

THE PHOTO TO THE RIGHT shows several of the seven old hot water cylinders that have been removed as part of our heating and hot water renewal. We have raised £107 000 required out of the £144 000 needed for this renewal. As many of you know, our heating system is thanks to your generosity moving forward. We have begun the work up to the point of the funds raised so far and are so grateful to have heating now on in the Infirmary and hot water in the Laundry. Please see the enclosed leaflet for an update on the work carried out so far thanks to your generosity.



THIS NEWSLETTER is probably coming to you slightly earlier than usual so that we can invite you to attend the Advent Carol Service at Corpus Christi Church. Please see the enclosed flier for details – admittance is free!

AS 2018 RAPIDLY DRAWS to a close, we would like to express our ongoing and heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who support us generously and faithfully by your prayers and economic resources. Each event you kindly extend your hand to help us in our need. We could not do without you our friends and benefactors. May God reward you forever.

The Tyburn Nuns