

Feast of the Sacred Heart, June, 2018.



Dear Friends,

Here is a loving message to you from the Sacred Heart of Jesus in honour of His feast day. Our Lord Himself told this to St. Faustina Kowalaska: "(My daughter,) know that My Sacred Heart is Mercy Itself. From this sea of Mercy, graces flow out upon the whole world. No soul that has approached Me has ever gone away un-consoled. All misery gets buried in the depths of My Mercy and every saving and sanctifying grace flows from the Fountain..." St Faustina says: "Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God. Even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's Mercy is stronger than our misery ... it is from His most merciful Heart that Divine Mercy flows out." These words give us comfort in these times of world unrest and natural disasters.

The Cause of our Mother Foundress, Mother Marie Adele Garnier, an apostle of the Sacred Heart, is going forward. In February, the Commission delegated by the diocese of Langres, France, travelled from Rome to Tyburn Convent, London, to research the spirituality and life of Mother Marie Adele. The Superiors and friends of Tyburn were interviewed and the other Sisters were asked to write their testimonies of the Servant of God and say why they thought she should be canonised. The Commission took the evidence back to Rome for scrutiny.

In May our Congregation held a pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of Mother Marie Adele Garnier". The pilgrims left Tyburn Convent by bus and travelled on the ferry across the English Channel retracing the path travelled by Mother Foundress when she and her first Sisters came as refugees to London. The pilgrims visited all the places in France which had some importance in the life of Mother Foundress: Montmartre, Laval, Pontmain, Mont St. Michel, Lourdes, Nevers, Dijon and the highlight of the pilgrimage was the celebration of the first Mass (said on a temporary altar) in the house where Mother Foundress was born at Grancey le Chateau. The official



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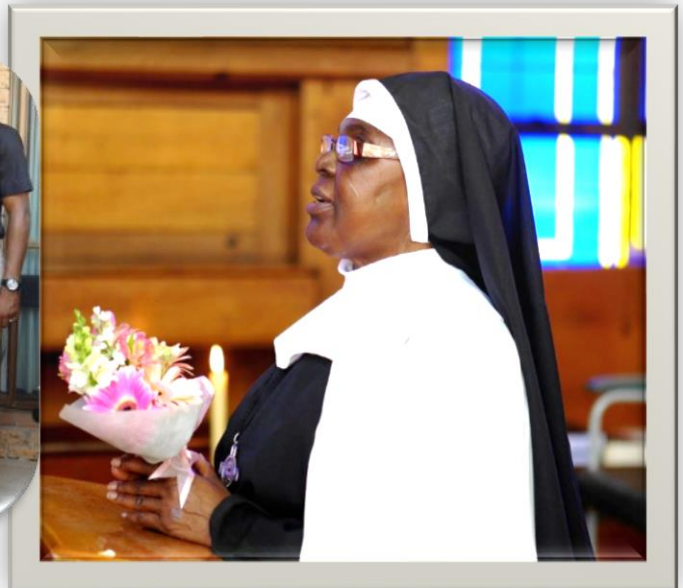
opening of the house at Grancey as a pilgrimage centre will be on the 15th of August 2018, which will be the 180th Anniversary of the birth of Mother Foundress. The house will be called *Maison Garnier* and the new chapel is named *Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption*.



Monastic Milestones

At St. Benedict's Priory in Cobh, Sr. M. Helen made her Monastic Profession of Perpetual Vows in March. She is filled with the joy of Profession and is now called Mother M. Helen.

At Tyburn Convent, London, four novices made their First Profession of Vows. They exchanged their white veils for black veils and received our Congregation medal. They are now called Juniors. In Largs, Scotland, Sr. M. Eunice made her First Profession of Vows, filling the whole community with joy. Our monasteries at Bombay, in New Zealand, and Colombia both have new postulants who seem to be happy and settled in their vocations. Keeping the best till last, our own Sr. M. Agnes made her First Profession on 7th April. She is still radiant with the joy of Profession.



Weather Mishaps

While we were sizzling our way through the long, hot summer, our Sisters in other houses had different extremes to deal with – storms and snowfalls. St. Loup suffered flooding in February. Water leaked into the chapel, guest house and other areas. Then came the snow, and lots of it. The Sisters decided to enjoy it by going sledding. As one Sister said “At the end of the day we were all a bit sore in many places”. At Largs in



Scotland, as well as the usual gales and snowfalls and the resulting leaking roofs, there were several heavy downfalls of snow lasting a few days. During the heaviest fall, snow banked up at the front and back doors which could not be opened for several days. The icy weather brought them a windfall in the form of a large box of bananas brought by the local green grocer. The skins had gone black so that they could not be sold, but inside they were ripe and sweet. There were so many of them to use that the old cookery books were consulted, yielding many banana recipes. They even made banana jam. In Ireland, Cobh did not escape the storms nor the snow which fell all day long on 1st March, their spring. Throughout the winter they had an abundance of wind, rain and snow which delighted those who had not ever seen snow before. The usual snowmen were to be seen on the lawn. Bombay, New Zealand, suffered severe storms in January. These caused flooding, leaking roofs and power outages. For a day and a night there

was no light and no water except what they could carry in a bucket from an outside tank. After the storms came record heat and it was impossible to buy a fan in Auckland, all the shops had sold out! Ngakuru shared in the wind and rain, with the usual leaking roofs. On two nights leaking water caused the fire alarms to be activated, calling the Sisters from their beds. Several large trees were blown down, blocking their driveway. The Sisters tried without success to chop up the trees with axes until a kindly neighbour brought his chainsaw to the rescue. They now have a good supply of wood for winter.

Mini Farm Update

Daisy, the pig, grew and grew and became a bully when she tried to get her food, so she has recently been taken to another home where she will be happy. Now we have two little black pigs to replace her. The hens are still queens of the cloister garden. We were given a very fine goose to eat the grass, so it was sent to share the garden but the chooks would not accept it. We felt sorry for it, so we put it by the dam and obtained another goose to be its companion. Now we have two happy geese and two happy hens – so long as they are in separate places. We also received a lovely white rabbit which we named “Lily, the lawnmower” although she only chewed one blade at a time! A grey baby one followed her and thankfully she has now found a home with a little girl from a needy family who had very much wanted a rabbit. Next came a gift of two really pretty goats. However, it turned out that when they were not bleating, they were eating, even at night! The goats are now comfortably settled on a goat farm with lots of company. We still have the three alpacas who have grown their winter coats and look much better now.



Despite all this diversion, the prayer life continues to take precedence over all other activities. All the needs and intentions of our friends and benefactors are remembered daily before the Lord. On the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Holy Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

With our loving prayers in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
the Tyburn Nuns.

MISSION AND FOUNDATION APPEAL

We are most grateful for any help you are able to give us in support of our Missions and Foundations in countries old and new as we follow the Lord's instruction to "Go spread the Gospel to all the nations".

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