

Christmas 2025

Dear Friends,

While so many in our world either do not understand, or seem to have lost, the true meaning of Christmas, we turn our eyes in hope to look upon the true Light that enlightens us, the Morning Star that illumines us, in thanksgiving to God who "so loved the world that He gave His only Son" (Jn 3:16) that we might not perish, but have everlasting life. Our saintly Mother Foundress, the Servant of God, Marie Adele Garnier, loved the thought of the Epiphany Star, the Star of Faith, that leads all nations to the Saviour of the world. May the light of Faith illumine your hearts, our dear friends, and lead you through the darkness of this world with all its trials and suffering, to the happiness

of Heaven where, bathed in the Light of God's glory, night shall be no more.

Community News:

In October we received the wonderful news that one of our novices, Sr. M. Juliana of the Holy Eucharist (on the left), will be making her First Profession in January. This solemn ceremony will take place during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. After Sister has formally expressed her desire to receive the grace of profession in our Congregation and her intention to commit herself to live according to our Rule of Life, Sister will pronounce the Vows of Stability in the Congregation, Conversion of Life (which includes poverty and chastity) and Obedience, according to the Rule of St Benedict and our Constitutions, for three years. Sister will then receive the black veil which proclaims that she has "turned aside

from the world and its ways, consecrated herself to the true Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and pledged herself to serve Him and His Church by constant prayer and ready penance." After Sister has received the black veil, she will be given the beautiful Congregation medal which



bears the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, like that which our Mother Foundress saw in a vision. The image of Our Lord is surrounded by His words, engraved in Latin: 'Ignem veni mittere terram et quid volo nisi ut accendatur' ("I have come to cast fire upon the earth and would that it were already kindled!") Henceforth Sister will wear this medal over her heart. This medal remains for all of us a sacred reminder of the words that the celebrant said to us on the day of our Profession: "Receive this medal as a sign that Jesus Christ has called you to praise, imitate and glorify His Heart among all nations, and to spread the fire of that love which He came to cast upon the earth."



To the left is Sr Marguerite Marie on the day of her First Profession at our monastery in France this year. This joyful occasion was a very special one for us all, as Sr. Marguerite Marie is our first vocation from that monastery. We now have 2 French Sisters in the Congregation!

The novitiate Sisters from our Mother House in London were very privileged to attend Sister's Temporary Profession. Whilst they were in France, they had a formation pilgrimage to Paray-le-Monial (which is near the monastery) as this year is the 350th Anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart to St Margaret Mary Alocque, the patron saint of our new French junior Sister. They are pictured below. Friends of the Visitation order have made a documentary film on the apparitions.

It is now showing in cinemas across France and is turning out to be a box office hit! May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere praised, adored, and loved.

We are sincerely grateful to you for your prayers for our Sisters in formation and for vocations to our Congregation, so that we may continue our life of Adoration and worship for the glory of God, and draw down graces upon the whole world.



Thanks to our dear friends who help and support us so much by their sacrifices and their kindness, we have been able to establish our monastery here and live out our consecrated life in the service of God and His Church. Our Oblate, Brother Joseph, is a marvellous help to us in the garden, and our good friend, Steve, finished the concrete paths around the building. Our two dear friends – John and Charlie (pictured to the right) – have made a secure tunnel house for the plants that will be able to withstand the strong and frequent wind here at Kurmond. They will soon start making a chicken house, and we are looking forward to hearing the sound of happy chickens! We plan



to have some little quails as well! We would also like to thank those who have helped to dig holes for the trees and - with the help of John - to put up the fences. Rev. Mother Prioress is now able to plant



the orchard. The sheep all had healthy baby lambs, and they are doing us a great service as they love to come running to eat the scraps and fruit peelings the Sisters bring for them! The cattle, too, are all healthy and fat due to the hard work of Eamon and his son in caring for them.



John, our eldest steer, likes bread – you might call this a beef sandwich!



We have been blessed to have several visits from our priest friends. Our Mother Foundress taught us to have a great love for priests and the priesthood, for the priesthood is truly, as the Cure of Ars said, "The love of the Heart of Jesus." They are very much in our prayers before the Blessed Sacrament, with all their needs. Our Mother Foundress composed a Prayer for Priests and entrusted them to our Blessed Lady: "Holy Mary, defend and protect them, each and all, under your mantle.

Keep them close to you until Jesus calls them to the reward He has prepared for them in eternity. Amen."

In September the whole community of the Friars of St Francis came to visit us and we spent several happy hours together. May God bless them and grant them to flourish, and may Br Nicholas - their new novice - and Br Harry - their postulant - be granted the grace of perseverance and joy in their Franciscan vocation.

We also had a visit from Rev. Father Peter Joseph, whom we have known for many years – his visit was truly a delightful surprise for us!



We were overjoyed that Rev Father Andrew Rooney came to celebrate Mass here on the third anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. For this special Mass, Father gave us a lovely hymn to learn which expresses the beauty and dignity of the priesthood - so we are well prepared if any other priests would like to celebrate their anniversary of ordination here! They would be most welcome.

We were very glad to welcome Rev Father Adrian Simmons here for the first time. He gave a most stirring homily, reminding us that the monastery is a spiritual battlefield.



We know what a powerful weapon the rosary is in spiritual battles. At recreation time, we have started to make rosaries again – we are now using cord, and these require some new skills, as well as some more patience! We are so blessed because a kind friend and benefactor donates beads to us and gives us a lovely variety to work with. Through the most holy Rosary, may Our Lady intercede for you in all your spiritual battles. *“Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!”* Saint Padre Pio

Our dear Mother Mary Vianney is 93 now and very frail. She would like to thank you for all for your prayers for her - they help her, and she is indeed very grateful. She would also like you to know that she keeps all of you in her prayers too. This photo of Mother was taken last year after she blew out the candle on her 92nd birthday cake!



As we approach our second Christmas here at Kurmond, we assure you of our continuing prayers for you all with your needs and with the sufferings you are bearing, bringing you before our Tender Lord Who dwells in our midst that He may bring us His comfort and grace and that He may guide us on our journey towards Heaven. "Thank You, Father of lights, who have called us out of darkness into Your wonderful light. Thanks be to You who bade light shine out of darkness and have kindled a light in our hearts whose shining is to make known Your glory as You have revealed it in the features of Jesus Christ. This is the true light, indeed eternal life: that we may know You the one God, and Him whom You have sent, Jesus Christ. Increase our faith, leading us from faith to faith, from brightness to brightness, by Your Spirit. Thus will knowledge be more full, charity more fervent and expansive, until, through faith, we are led to the vision of Your face, as if led by a leading star to our Leader at Bethlehem." Blessed Gueric of Igny, a Cistercian monk (1078-1157).

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered on Christmas Night for the needs and intentions all our dear friends and benefactors.

Lovingly in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

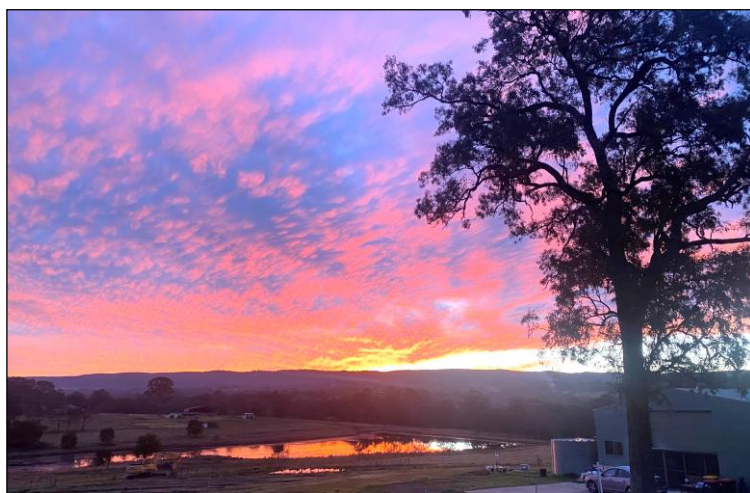
From the Tyburn Nuns



We love to see the changing skies here!

"The heavens proclaim the glory of God....."

Psalm 18



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