



TYBURN TALK

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FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART, 2017



Dear Friends of Tyburn Priory,

As we approach this most beautiful feast of the Patron of our Congregation, we send you the assurance of our continued prayers for all your needs, especially for all who are sick or suffering in any way. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus enfold you in His Love and strengthen you with His grace. The Adorable

Heart of our Saviour was “wounded so that through the visible Wound we might see the invisible would of love.” “It is then,” wrote Pope Pius XII “absolutely certain that the Heavenly Father ‘who has not spared even His own Son, but has delivered Him up for us all,’ will always send down a rich flow of divine graces to all humanity.”

The first half of this year has been an exciting time for our Congregation. However, instead of joyful ceremonies and little ‘miracles’, we seem to be settling down into a little farming community. First came two hens who have taken over the cloister garden. In return they give us two eggs every day.

Next came two pigs,



Molly and Wilbur, who have their own large apartment in another area, their purpose being waste disposal. But they have become so greedily hungry that we cannot keep up with the supply of waste. Their fate is in the balance. Next came three alpacas. When our long-time gardener retired we found that professional gardeners are too expensive for us. The alpacas have come to mow the grass instead, though they still need lessons in mowing because they tend to nibble here and there and sometimes they nibble on plants we are rather fond of. But they are gentle creatures so their home with us is secure – as for the grass...we wait and see...





THE HOUSE OF OUR FOUNDRRESS,
THE SERVANT OF GOD,
MOTHER MARIE ADELE GARNIER

Ever since our monastery at St. Loup was opened, the Sisters have been making pilgrimages to the house at Grancey-le-Chateau where our Mother Foundress was born. They would stand outside singing and praying in the rain, hail, shine or snow. The Cause of Mother Garnier was opened at St.

Loup monastery, just 20 miles from Grancey, on 3rd December, 2016, by the bishop of that diocese. Since then there has been a growing interest in her Cause and it was a surprise to the Sisters to learn, shortly after the Cause was opened, that the house where she was born was up for sale. With the expense of the monastery still weighing heavily, how could we buy this house so precious to our Congregation? But yet, how could we not buy it?

And so, we did buy it, thanks to the benefactors from all over the world who answered an appeal for help. They even included villagers from poor areas of Peru. Of course, funds are still required for renovation work. It is intended to turn the property into a centre for pilgrimage. In time, there will be a museum and information centre dedicated to the life of Mother Marie Adele and her Congregation. There will be a small conference and retreat centre for day groups and eventually accommodation for small numbers of overnight guests.

Since the opening of the Cause there has been considerable interest in Mother Garnier and in her Eucharistic spirituality. Our Rev. Mother M. Xavier was invited to speak about her at a priest's retreat on Long Island, New York, on 21st May. Mother was in Boston 23rd – 29th May to speak about her and she has been invited to be on a programme on EWTN LIVE with Father Mitch Pacwa. This programme will be aired on 5 July.

A SPECIAL BABY



About a year ago SARA visited Tyburn Convent to speak with Rev. Mother M. Xavier about a problem which was a source of grief to her and to her husband. The problem was that their dearest hope was to have children but Sara's doctors, after many tests and medications, had proclaimed her a 'hopeless case'. But Sara could not easily give up her heart's desire. Mother took her to pray at the tomb of Mother Foundress and she prayed there for a long time. Rising from her

knees with tears in her eyes, she said that she had felt the close motherly presence of Mother Marie Adele and she was now filled with a new hope. About two weeks later Sara rang to announce with joy that she was pregnant. On 9 January this year a little girl, Anna Grace Adele was born, a beautiful healthy baby.

A FAVOUR FROM ST. BENEDICT

One of our Sisters in France, Mother Martin, had great difficulty in walking after suffering a bad fall. A book was being read in the refectory during meals which gave details of the many miracles received by means of the medal of St. Benedict. Thinking about this after lunch, Mother Martin prayed to St. Benedict through the medal she was wearing. The result was immediate. Having been barely able to walk with a stick, and in severe pain, she simply got out of her chair, dropped the stick and RAN to show Mother Prioress that she was healed. Laughing and crying she said: 'LOOK' – I have no pain and I can run! And she did run right along the corridor – the pain has not returned. Thank you, St. Benedict.



EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

In New Zealand at Ngakuru, our Rev. Mother M. Rachel recently celebrated the Silver Jubilee of her Profession of Vows. This was a very joyful event as several of her family members had surprised her by making the journey to N.Z. from Australia. Mother M. Rachel pronounced her Vows at Tyburn Priory, but for 20 years she has been with our N.Z. communities. She is the Mother Prioress at Ngakuru.

We had two Monastic Professions – Mother M. Luz in Ecuador and Mother M. Brigid in France. Several Sisters have made their First Profession of Vows at the Mother House and we have new postulants in Peru and in New Zealand.

A postulant's journey: Early this year a young lady came to live-in at our monastery in Ngakuru. Her name was Tahany. She is from Egypt. She had been a Moslem, had converted to become a Catholic, becoming a religious refugee to New Zealand. After two weeks Tahany left to be confirmed at her parish in Wellington, saying that she hoped to return. On 20th April she entered and is a very happy postulant filled with the love of God. We give thanks to God for her conversion and vocation. She uses her new Baptismal name and is now Sr. Theodora.

A comment from Largs: "I'm looking forward to summer in Scotland, it is my favourite day of the year!"

Meanwhile, we here at home keep you, your loved ones, and all your intentions in our daily prayers. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless you for your generous support. We that He may bless each one of you in a very special way.



Finally, we would like to leave you with these uplifting words from a homily of St. Ephrem: *Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you...* “Come where there is immortal life and the fount of great mercy. Come to Me, all of you, and I will refresh you; come where there is love alone, perennial joy, and everlasting happiness, where the light does not fade nor the sun go down... Come therefore to Me; for he who comes to Me I shall not cast out. You have heard, dearest brethren, the perfect hope, the sweet promises, the words of the Saviour of our souls. Who has ever seen so kind a Father to his children? Who has seen so good a Physician? Come, therefore, let us adore and fall down before Him, and let us confess our sins. Glory to His goodness! Glory to His loving kindness! Glory to His care for us, to His tenderness! Glory to His words of pity! Glory to His Kingdom! Glory, honour, adoration to His holy Name for ever and ever!”



(Our Rev. Mother M. Cyril – second from left - said that the chicken
is the best looking of all of us!)

With our loving prayer,
The Tyburn Nuns