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Sacred Heart Newsletter (2024)

In commemoration of the Centenary of the passing of The Servant of God Mother Marie Adele Garnier (17 June 1924–2024), Foundress of the Congregation of the Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Montmartre OSB



The plans of his heart shall stand from age to age: to rescue their souls from death to keep them alive in famine.
(Entrance antiphon, Mass of the Sacred Heart)

The eternal plan of God for humanity was eternally in His Heart before the foundation of the world. Its manifestation began at creation when He created out of nothing with a Divine and perfect plan. The eternal Heart of God was so eager to give His love that He gratuitously created Man in his image and likeness. When Man rebelled and disobeyed Him, the eternal love of God became Incarnate; the Sacred Heart was formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary; LOVE came to save us from death and reconcile us to God.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the compendium of the whole mystery of salvation and must be known and contemplated so that God can be truly loved and worshipped “in spirit and in truth”, for knowledge is a prerequisite to true faith, love and

worship of God; a supernatural knowledge that streams from the light of Faith. The Church has always encouraged devotion to the Sacred Heart since the time of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, the great visionary of the Sacred Heart. The more we know and understand the love of the Sacred Heart, the more fervent our love and devotion will be. God who eternally loves us desires that we love Him in return and He became incarnate in order to kindle love in our hearts: “I have come to cast fire upon earth, and would that it were already kindled” (Lk 12:49). The flame of His love sanctifies, transforms and moulds us into His image.

The love of the Sacred Heart is the most perfect devotion because it contains the most intimate and closest union we can ever have with God. Love drove Him to the Cross and from His burning Heart, He gave us the Eucharist, the absolute gift of Himself: body, blood, soul and divinity. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is therefore a Eucharistic devotion. It is in the Eucharist that we have the most intimate encounter with The Most Blessed Trinity. The Most perfect adoration that can ever be given to God is in the Eucharist. Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is a virtue of religion whereby we render to God what is His due. Although we are obligated to worship Jesus Christ in the Eucharist (the centre of the Churches Faith and worship), faith, gratitude and love for Jesus should draw us to Eucharistic Adoration. We all need to fall in love with the Sacred Heart and the best person to teach us is the Blessed Virgin Mary. We pray that she will teach us to love Jesus with the love of her Immaculate Heart.

Marie Adele Garnier (Mother Mary of St Peter)

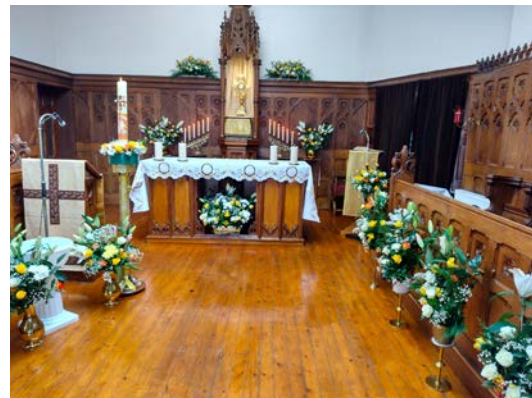
She was born in Burgundy France on the Solemnity of the assumption 15 August 1838, and baptised on the Feast of The Holy Name of Mary, September 12. From her youth she felt drawn to a more perfect life, and had an ardent love and devotion to the Sacred Heart in the Eucharist. Holy Mass was

the 'SUN of her life' and with the consent of her spiritual director, she received Communion daily at Mass. She entered the noviciate of the society of the Sacred Heart at Conflans. However, she left after two months because of poor health. In 1874, before the erection of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Montmartre, she had a vision of the Basilica and she visited the Archbishop of Paris to inform him that the form of honour paid to the Sacred Heart should be the perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Archbishop did not seem to welcome the message but when the basilica was erected, perpetual adoration was established. In 1878 She tried to live a solitary life at Montmartre but her health collapsed once again and she had to return home. In obedience to the call of the Sacred Heart, she founded on 4th March 1898, *The Congregation of the Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Montmartre*; for the praise and glory of the Blessed Trinity in union with the Sacred Heart through a contemplative life of Eucharistic adoration and Liturgical worship. "Nothing less than perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was to satisfy her longing to "surround the divine Heart with a continual homage of love and reparation", and nothing less than perfect abandonment to God's good pleasure in union with that Heart was to satisfy her longing to atone for sins against Him." In 1901 the community were driven from France and found a new home at Tyburn in London where Marie Adèle died on 17th June, 1924. Due to her remarkable life and virtue the cause of her canonisation was officially opened in 2016 and she was given the title "Servant of God" by the Congregation for the Cause of



Tomb of Mother Marie Adele Ganier at Tyburn

Saints. Tyburn is the mother house of a Congregation which has spread around the globe. It is now in England, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, Peru, New Zealand, Ecuador, Colombia, Italy, and France.



Community News

At Easter we celebrated the Triumph of the Sacred Heart over death and on the octave day of Easter we celebrated the Mercy of the Sacred Heart: Feast of Divine Mercy. We had a Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 3.00pm that day.

In preparation for the great Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we had a public retreat novena to the Sacred Heart from 29th of May to 6th June. It began each day with prayers to the Sacred Heart, a reflection by our Chaplain Rev. Fr. Ferdinand, silent Adoration and ended with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Each day had a theme taken from the Litany of the Sacred Heart and father gave his reflection on that theme, using a passage in Holy Scripture. The Litany has 33 invocations that parallel the 33 years of Jesus' life on earth. The Novena was well attended and spiritually enriching.

On 15 June, we commemorated the Centenary of the passing of our Mother Foundress. We were honoured by the visit of our local bishop, Most Rev. Frank Dougan, Bishop of the Diocese of Galloway who was the main celebrant. It was Bishop Frank's first visit to the monastery since his consecration last March.





In his homily he said that God speaks to us all but very few people listen to Him. He described Mother Marie Adele as a woman who always listened to God. When he was a newly ordained priest, he had taken some school children on a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Montmartre so it was providential that he celebrated the centenary

Mass of the Congregation that was founded at Montmartre. Concelebrating with the bishop were: Our chaplain, Rev. Fr. Ferdinand, our former chaplain - Rev. Fr. Gerard Hamill, our confessors Rev. Canon McManus and Rev. Fr. Duncan McVicar, and our friends Rev. Fr. Benjamin Mkeri and Rev. Fr. Laurent Bahati. It was a solemn and joyful celebration and the congregation sang beautifully. After Holy Mass the guests had a buffet lunch in the tearoom. There was plenty to eat and the atmosphere was friendly and relaxing. We would like to thank our helpers and all who came to celebrate that great day with us.

OBLATES NEWS

On 19 April, we sadly farewelled our long time friend and oblate, Edward Tuthill who was called to the Lord on 9th April 2024, at the age of 81. He became a Novice Oblate of the monastery on 27 April 2003, taking the name: Brother Ninian. He made his Oblation on 2nd May 2004. His wife Sadie is also an oblate of the monastery. Edward had a deep love and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Our Lady. He faithfully attended the First Friday men's all-night Adoration and often spent long hours in deep prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. He was very kind to the monastery and often drove the sisters to the airport and to hospital appointments where he would sit quietly in the waiting room at times for hours praying the Rosary. His funeral was held on 19th April at our parish: St Mary Star of the Sea.



HOSPITALITY

Two good friends and helpers of the Monastery marked their 80th birthday at the monastery: John Wilson and Mrs Anna Kuschinski. John has been our gardener, friend and benefactor for over 10 years. He is an excellent gardener and keeps our lawn and garden well manicured; he plants flowers, fruits trees and vegetables, and prunes our orchard plants and trees.

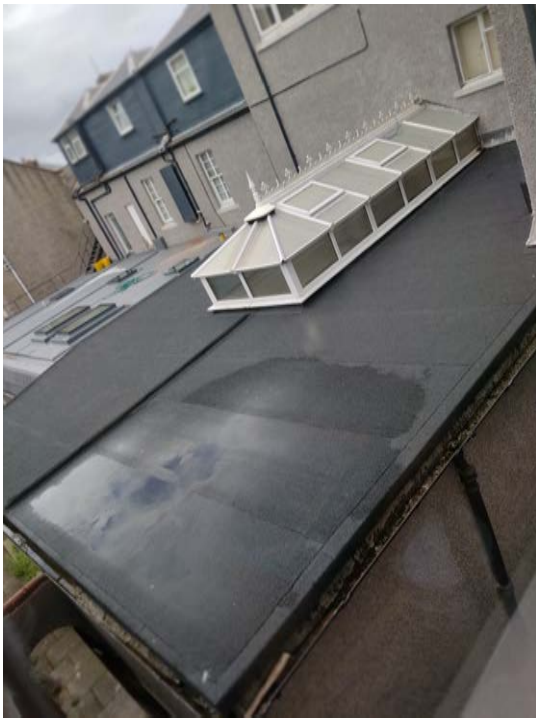


Anna Kuschinski was our helper for over 15 years. She was in charge of the tearoom for several years before her retirement. She is also a lay adorer and reader.

This year's Strawberry Tea Fayre will be held on Saturday 24th August, at 1.00pm. The Tearoom is open every Friday, Saturday and Monday from 12.45pm to 4.30pm



ROOFING/BUILDING PROJECT



Last August, we began the second stage of our building repairs and maintenance. Before Christmas we had insulated and rendered the front facade and some side walls of the monastery, and began the installation of a brand new roof for the tearoom. We are pleased to inform you that we have completed the flat roofs of the Tearoom and Chapel. The tearoom flat roof was built with a slight slop to allow water to glide down into the drains. It has 4 skylights and another one in the kitchen and these let in natural lighting that brighten the place so that we hardly switch on the lights. 5 other flat roofs have also been completed and the back walls rendered. We however encountered challenges in the tearoom after roofing and painting; water started to pour down from the ceiling and the builders

discovered that the internal drainage pipes in the ceiling were blocked. The pipes were unblocked and the problem was solved.

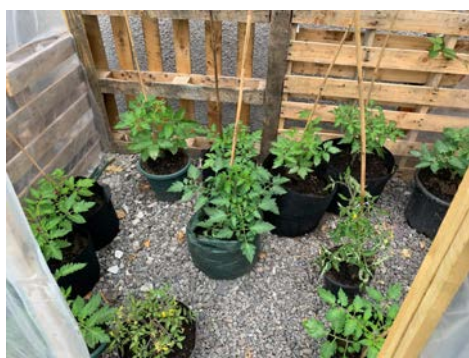




THE COTTAGE

Last November, we noticed that our cottage was becoming excessively damp so we asked our builders to conduct a survey of the building. The survey result showed that the foundation was washing away and water was seeping from the ground through the flooring and walls. The little building attached to the main building was pulling the foundation and causing it to tilt. The walls and ceiling also needed to be insulated. We were advised to first of all make the foundation secure and water proof. It was an emergency that we had to deal with. We tried to get a grant to no avail so we had to get a loan to fix the building so as to prevent it from collapsing. Our builders FRBS Limited were asked to do the job. They demolished the side building that was straining the foundation, dug half a meter around the foundation and created a new one. James McAllister the owner of the company who had already done some roughcasting and rendering for the monastery for free, decided to develop the grounds for us for free. They created path ways, built a new fence for the cottage, cleared and levelled the ground beside the cottage and created a walled vegetable garden for the monastery. Next, the walls of the cottage were insulated with 100mm insulation. After that the kitchen roof started to leak but when they tried to fix it it was discovered that the timbers were all rotten and eaten away by woodworm and the slates were flaky. We had to get a brand new roof but we couldn't afford it. James accepted to reroof the cottage for £10,000. May God bless him for his generosity and bless all our benefactors and helpers.





UPCOMING PROJECT

The next project for the monastery will be to re-slate the roof of the west wing of the guest house. The project will cost about £50,000

If you would like to donate towards our roofing and restoration project please visit our website at:

<https://www.tyburnconvent.org.uk/largsmonasterydonations>

If you would like to pay by cheque please make it payable to **The Benedictine Monastery.**

We thank all our beloved benefactors, friends and helpers for the support you give us in enabling the enthronement and adoration of the Sacred Heart to continue here. Holy Mass will be offered for you all on the Solemnity of St Benedict, 11th July.

Mother Prioress and Community