

MAY



R.I.P.

We commend to God the souls of all Departed Associates of the Confraternity, especially the following who have died recently:

Priests Associate

† Donald Bird

Associates

† William Ogden

† Pauline Luckhurst

† John Holford

† Geoffrey Phelps

† Barbara Holden

† Carol Farmfield

† Jean Harris

† John Downham

† Mary Patricia Margaret Robinson

† Frank Charles White

† Christina Mary Newholm

† Carol Nelson

† Edith Meares

- 1 **THE ASCENSION**
That we may reign with Christ
- 2 S Athanasius – *Forward in Faith*
- 3 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 4 **EASTER 7**
That we may be filled with the Spirit of Prayer
- 5 The Ward of SS Werburg & Winifred, Wirral & North Wales
- 6 The Ward of S Agnes, Liverpool
- 7 The American CBS
- 8 The Ward of the Precious Blood, Southport
- 9 The Ward of the Precious Blood, Swinton & Pendlebury
- 10 My Ward - *its Superior and Members*
- 11 **PENTECOST**
Thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Spirit
- 12 The Ward of the Holy Angels, Brentwood
- 13 The CBS Trustees
- 14 S Matthias – *All whom God chooses*
- 15 The Ward of S Cedd & The Saints of Essex, Colchester
- 16 The Ward of the Sacred Passion, Ilford
- 17 My Ward - *its Superior and Members*
- 18 **TRINITY SUNDAY**
Thanksgiving for God's self-revelation
- 19 The Ward of Christ the King, Leigh on Sea
- 20 The Ward of the Epiphany, Leytonstone
- 21 Isolated Associates on the Secretary-General's List
- 22 **CORPUS CHRISTI**
Thanksgiving for the Blessed Sacrament
- 23 The Ward of S John Vianney, Mid-Essex
- 24 My Ward - *its Superior and Members*
- 25 **8TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 1)**
That we may trust in God's unfailing love
- 26 The Ward of S Anthony, Woodford Green
- 27 The Ward of the Sacred Heart, Hammerfield
- 28 The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary
- 29 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 30 **THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**
That all hearts may be open to receive his love
- 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
The Society of Mary

THE OBJECTS: The Confraternity exists for the advancement of the catholic faith in the Anglican Tradition and in particular to promote:

- ✚ The honour due to Jesus Christ our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of his Body and
- ✚ prayer for one another at the Eucharist,
- ✚ careful preparation for and reception of Holy Communion,
- ✚ including the Eucharistic fast,
- ✚ the reverent and dignified celebration of the Eucharist and the
- ✚ reservation and veneration of the Blessed Sacrament,
- ✚ the continuance of the catholic priesthood, and
- ✚ catholic theological teaching, learning and development.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Perhaps you would like to contribute to the publication with news of events or articles relating to what is happening in your Ward? We welcome photographs of any recent CBS related activities - please send all information to the Secretary-General at the address opposite.

Material for the next edition must be received by **15 April 2008**

NEW WARD SUPERIOR:

Sevenoaks, The Transfiguration:

Fr Ivan Aquilina

NEW PRIESTS ASSOCIATE:

Fr Carl Schaefer

Fr David Schofield

Fr Daniel Smith

Fr Ian Adjei (Ghana) with CBS vessels and vestments



Blessing of the new Altar at S Peter's Plymouth

THE RULES:

- ✚ To take part in the celebration of the Eucharist on all Sundays, greater festivals and holy days whenever possible;
- ✚ To promote the reverent celebration of the Eucharist as the Church's daily offering;
- ✚ To make special intercessions as set out in the Intercessions Paper.

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completed application forms, Gift Aid forms, subscriptions, changes of address, changes in ward officers, names of recently departed Associates.

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Vuru (Central Solomons),
Michael Davies Friary SSF (Fr Thomas Rowland):
Vessels

Dukinfield (Chester)
S Luke (Fr David Schofield):
Tabernacle and ciborium

Obawale (Koforidua)
S Mary (Fr Jacob Botchway):
Tabernacle, vessels and vestments

Caister Taster day at Shallowford Hse, Lichfield
(Fr Paul Lockett):
Grant towards expenses

North East Walsingham Youth Festival
(Fr Brian Bell):
Grant towards expenses

Aldwick (Chichester)
S Richard (Fr Lawson Nagel):
Grant towards funding for Pastoral Assistant

'Critical Mass' Weekend at Lancing
(Fr Stephen Gallagher):
Grant towards expenses

CBS NATIONAL FESTIVAL 2008

Saturday 7th June 2008

S Alban's Church, Brooke Street, Holborn, London EC1

Underground: Chancery Lane

Preacher: Sr Ann Williams CA

12 noon

SOLEMN CONCELEBRATED MASS

1.00pm

LUNCH (provided)

2.30pm

ANNUAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATES

3.00pm

EXPOSITION, OUTDOOR PROCESSION

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION

followed by tea



CBS

QUARTERLY

March - May 2008

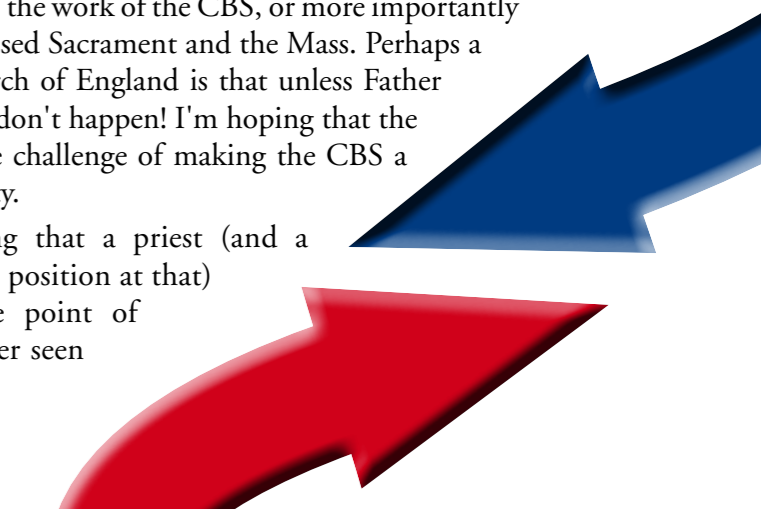
The Superior-General writes...

A two-pronged attack

Every parish priest who writes a regular letter in the parish magazine wonders if anyone really reads it. By the number of letters I receive following the publication of CBSQ, it's reassuring to know that I need not wonder! Thank you to those (again) who wrote last time. Suffice to say: we live in the present, learn from the past, and hope for the future!

I have recently been going around some of the Districts trying to encourage the clergy in the work of the CBS, or more importantly in devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass. Perhaps a hall-mark of the Church of England is that unless Father does it (or drives it) it don't happen! I'm hoping that the clergy will take up the challenge of making the CBS a truly devotional Society.

It was disappointing that a priest (and a priest in an important position at that) said 'I can't see the point of joining CBS, I've never seen the need'.



Another common excuse (and they are excuses) was 'I'm not a joiner'. My quip is 'Well you were baptised, weren't you?'

When people come with such negative starting points, having already made up their minds, it's not the time for negotiation. But it is a question we must face: why join the CBS? A brutal response would be: why not join the CBS? If you are Catholic and believe what Catholics believe about the Mass, why would you not want to promote a society which works to that end? Membership of the CBS is an aid to do things that help us to become the people we wouldn't otherwise be! In other words, it can be a help, a reason, even an excuse,

to bring people together for the Mass or Eucharistic devotions. Joining the CBS can be a commitment, not to the CBS or anyone involved in it, but to God who reveals himself in Jesus and stays with us in the Blessed Sacrament. It is in the Sacrament that we are revealed as the people we really are.

So I just wonder if the clergy need a two-pronged attract! If I encourage them at one end to set up Wards and have Benediction monthly at some convenient time; and if the layfolk were to do the same from their end at a local level, great things could happen!

*Fr Christopher Pearson SSC
Superior-General*

The answer may be found in our Confraternity Constitution at Section 12, paragraphs 1 and 2. The typical member would probably add, 'My Ward is me and some friends from church, who meet with our priest once a month for Benediction'. Yet Wards are beginning to evolve, or even to be founded with a very different mind-set behind them.

In the Quarterly Paper a year ago, the Superior-General talked of the situation in Sweden, where a Ward has been established around its Ward Superior, rather than within any particular parish. He pointed out that the parochially-based model has often proved insufficient for overseas churches, where the parochial system can be very different from that in Britain.

However, there is no need to go abroad – here in England there is evidence that our traditional model is often insufficient. A look at the current list of CBS Wards will show you certain worrying facts: almost all our Wards are in cities or large towns, whilst the countryside is barely represented; many large towns have no currently active Ward; certain Districts now consist of just one or two Wards, and hardly seem viable as independent entities. Could it be that the traditional model of a Ward is hampering us and holding us back?

My own parish in rural West Sussex has all or part of 21 working farms, a redundant cement works (closed in 1991), resulting economic depression, and three ancient church buildings dating from 950, 1073, and 1308. Our wider Deanery consists of 20 churches, all ancient, each set in a village or small market town community. There are no large settlements in the Deanery. My parish has been involved with Catholic Revival from the very start – John Rouse Bloxham, Newman's curate at Littlemore, was Incumbent here and the 'Country Catholic' tradition has stuck. Nonetheless, when I arrived here ten years ago, CBS was unheard of, and it was clear that neither my own parish, nor any other in this Deanery, could support a CBS Ward. The nearest existing Wards (in Hove and Worthing) might as well have been on Mars!

Consulting the Constitution I discovered that there is no mention of Wards being parochially based. It is something we've all got used to, but the Constitution is far more in line with the 'new' model for Sweden, describing a Ward as being based around a Ward Superior. So, gathering support from a number of different parishes, we obtained permission to open 'The Ward of St Cuthman in Storrington Deanery'. Our Ward is truly a Deanery-wide unit. We report on its proceedings at Deanery Synod, and a copy of our

annual programme is sent to every PCC and Incumbent in the Deanery. Our meetings rotate around the different parishes of the Deanery, and although not one of the churches had seen Benediction since the Reformation, using our travelling CBS monstration we have now held Benediction in about half the Deanery's churches – and we are working on the others! We are now in our seventh year, and have hosted three District Festivals.

Importantly, we are not the only Ward in our District to be seeking 'fresh expressions' of the life of CBS. The Ward of St Mary and St Nicolas, Lancing College, for example, is attached to a school rather than a parish, and is helping to promote the existence and the blessings of CBS amongst young people. The Ward of the Precious Blood, Horsham, once firmly parochially-based, has also been picked up on the Deanery model, and now rotates its meetings around churches in Horsham Deanery, again with great success.

I was amazed to discover recently that there are no fewer than 70 Priests Associate of CBS living and working in our District, and yet we have only ten Wards of the Confraternity. Some of those Priests Associate are retired, and others are based in parochial units where a Ward simply wouldn't

work – but I'm sure many of them could become the focus of a new Ward based in a hospital chapel, a local school, a group of neighbouring parishes, or even (like us in the Ward of St Cuthman) an entire Deanery. Here is a shining example of how the Deanery can work as a unit! People who worship in different parishes, and might otherwise never have met, have been drawn together in our CBS Ward and become firm friends, and 'CBS' is an everyday term here.

Can we make every District thrive? Can we put a Ward in every large town and city? Can we provide a network of Wards in the countryside? By means of a little lateral thinking, many more Priests Associate could bring new Wards to life, and find (like us) that CBS can be a source of encouragement not only to scattered faithful Catholics in small country parishes, but also to the wider church. As parishes come to share in the life of a local Ward, they can come to see it less as 'the Catholic extremists at play' and more as a serious and important part of mainstream church life for all. New models for the local Ward can assist CBS in growing, and also help to give us a serious voice in the Church at large.

Fr Timothy L'Estrange

Almighty God, look, we pray, on the face of your beloved Son, and for the sake of his merits mercifully hear the prayers which throughout our Confraternity we continually offer to you; and grant us unity, a true faith, and a life agreeable to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MARCH

1	S David – Christians in Wales
2	LENT 4 <i>That we may rejoice in Jesus our Light</i>
3	The Ward of The Stigmata, Bournemouth
4	The Ward of S Michel du Valle, Guernsey
5	The Additional Curates Society
6	The Ward of S Lucien Tapiedi & The New Guinea Martyrs, Maryborough
7	The Ward of Bl Mary McKillop & S Benedict, Melbourne
8	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>
9	LENT 5 <i>That we may open ourselves to Christ's Spirit</i>
10	The Ward of S Mary, Melbourne
11	The Ward of S Margaret, Montreal
12	The Catholic Societies Vocations Initiative
13	The Ward of S Michael & All Angels, Winnipeg
14	The Ward of S Brigid, Sweden
15	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>
16	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION <i>Strength to follow the Way of the Cross</i>
17	Monday in Holy Week <i>Confessors and spiritual directors</i>
18	Tuesday in Holy Week <i>Grace to make a good Confession</i>
19	Wednesday in Holy Week <i>The Society of the Holy Cross (SSC)</i>
20	MAUNDY THURSDAY <i>Thanksgiving for the institution of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
21	GOOD FRIDAY <i>Thanksgiving for our Redemption</i>
22	EASTER EVE <i>The Guild of All Souls and all the Faithful Departed</i>
23	EASTER DAY <i>Thanksgiving for the Resurrection</i>
24	The Ward of S Michael, Bath
25	The Ward of All Saints with S Saviour, Weston super Mare
26	The Catholic League
27	The Ward of S Gregory & S Augustine, Bristol
28	The Ward of the Holy Family, Swindon
29	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>
30	EASTER 2 – <i>The happiness of those who believe</i>
31	THE ANNUNCIATION <i>The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>

APRIL

1	S Joseph – <i>Husbands and fathers</i>
2	The Ward of S Thomas, Birmingham
3	The Church Union
4	Fr Chris Pearson, our Superior-General
5	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>
6	EASTER 3 <i>That Christ may be with us on our way</i>
7	The Ward of The Holy Family, Leamington Spa
8	The Ward of S Faith, Bradford
9	The Ward of S Wilfrid, Leeds
10	Fr Alan Cross, our Treasurer-General
11	The Ward of the Sacred Heart, Thornhill Lees
12	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>
13	EASTER 4 <i>That we may know the care of the Good Shepherd</i>
14	The Ward of S Herbert, Carlisle
15	The Ward of The Precious Blood, Durham
16	Fr Lawson Nagel, our Secretary-General
17	The Ward of S Benedict, Blyth
18	The Ward of S Peter, Folkestone
19	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>
20	EASTER 5 <i>That we offer spiritual sacrifices as a Royal Priesthood</i>
21	The Ward of the Annunciation, Chislehurst
22	The Federation of Catholic Priests
23	S GEORGE – <i>Christians in England</i>
24	The Ward of the Transfiguration, Sevenoaks
25	S Mark – <i>Evangelists</i>
26	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>
27	EASTER 6 <i>Thanksgiving for the coming of the Spirit of Truth</i>
28	The Ward of Christ the King & Stella Maris, Blackpool
29	S Catherine of Siena <i>Christians throughout Europe</i>
30	The Ward of the Protomartyr, Blackpool

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- Daily Eucharist
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