



The Superior-General writes...

A new Secretary-General

Thank you

for your prayers

about the post of Secretary-General. Thank you too to those who not only suggested suitable candidates, but also offered their time, services, skills and expertise for the good of the Confraternity. It's reassuring to know that there are so many supporters of our aims and objects. I am pleased to tell you that after much prayerful thought and deliberation I have invited Fr Christopher Lindlar, Rector of St Andrew's, Deal in Kent and Ward Superior, if he would be willing to be Secretary-General. He spent some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to consider my invitation and I am delighted to tell you he has

accepted. Like all our work for the Gospel, we can never do it alone, but only with God's help. So please pray for Fr Lindlar as he begins this service to the Lord in his Blessed Sacrament. He officially began on 1st November. This change provided an opportunity for the General-Officers, in consultation with the Council-General to consider how we administer our Confraternity. The role, as it has developed over the years is too much for one person, especially a full-time parish



*Fr Christopher Lindlar
new Secretary-General*

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priest, so I asked Fr Darren Smith, the Secretary-General of the Additional Curates' Society if the ACS office could carry out some administration. You will realise that this paper is printed and distributed by the ACS, so they will now administer and maintain the list of Associates and deal with things such as updates to the membership list.

As they have excellent distribution facilities, medals, manuals and lapel badges will all be available from the ACS offices; they too will maintain and post the stock for the grants of tabernacles, vessels and vestments.

New applications for Associates and Wards, together with applications for Grants should come through Fr Lindlar, the Secretary-General, as should applications for inclusion in the Intercession Cycle. This might seem a little confusing at first, but we will point you in the right direction. Fr Lindlar's contact details are on this paper. Membership updates etc please contact: mary@confraternity.org.uk

It is good that Catholic Societies are working together for our shared goal,

even though we have particular charisms: a house divided against itself cannot stand! To which end I would encourage all Catholic Societies and organisations to use the facilities and skill set which each Society, so that we can be mutually supportive for our common good.



Fr Christopher Pearson SSC
Superior-General

**Updates for Associates
and to the membership list.**

**If you need
medals, lapel badges and manuals.**

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**Contact the SECRETARY-GENERAL
Fr Christopher Lindlar
for
Application Forms for new Associates,
Wards and Grants and for inclusions in
the Intercession List**

Please use address on page 8

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back

The visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Great Britain this year was an historic event, not only for Roman Catholics, but for all Christians and people of good will. Many commentators have said how the landscape has changed since his visit. Despite the negative preparations from the media, it was a resounding success, even more than could be expected.

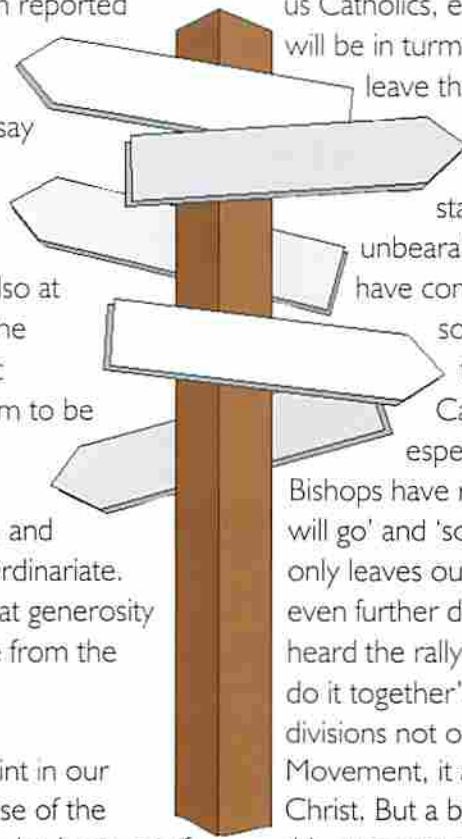
Each of us will have our stories to tell and moments which were 'special' or significant. The visit illustrated how alive the Gospel is in our Country and how responsive people are to the Catholic Faith despite attempts in the media to rubbish it. But there is also something about the Holy Father himself. Yes of course, as the successor of St Peter he



speaks with great authority (indeed the highest); but there is also something of his personal manner. Anyone who met him (no, I haven't) speak only well of the encounter. He has much to teach in many ways! It has been reported elsewhere, and far more extensively, about what he had to say to and about us Anglicans: at Westminster Abbey, and Lambeth Palace; also at Oscott College when he addressed the Catholic Bishops and urged them to be generous with the implementation of *Anglicanorum Coetibus*, and the setting up of the Ordinariate. We look forward to that generosity and hope for the same from the Anglican Bishops too.

We are at a turning point in our history, not only because of the Holy Father's visit, but also because of his invitation to enter into full communion with the See of Peter. This is one of the objects of most of the Catholic Societies in the Church of

England. Something for which catholic societies have worked (or at least have said they have worked). With the imminent invention of women bishops, and more importantly no provision for us Catholics, every Catholic Anglican will be in turmoil over what to do: to leave the Church of England seems unconscionable, to stay would be unbearable. So some bishops have come up with an idea of a society. This is a bid for the leadership of the Catholic Movement, especially now five of our Bishops have resigned. The 'some will go' and 'some will stay' choices only leaves our beleaguered parishes even further depleted. We have often heard the rally 'whatever we do, let's do it together'. So these further divisions not only splits the Catholic Movement, it also divides the Body of Christ. But a bigger concern is how this attempt to deliberately derail a Papal Constitution is Catholic? Or maybe that's the chink in our armour; the pick-and-mix approach we have to the Catholic Faith has been revealed.



Love bade me welcome: ... *continued*

The CBS is the oldest devotional society; we were also the first to include the laity. Some have commented that the Catholic Movement in the Church of England has become something of a clerical movement, promoting the maxim 'Father knows best'. We are responsible for our own salvation, and it's to God we have to answer on judgement day. Has your priest kept you abreast of the Ordinariate? Has he told you about this new society?

We are proud of our heritage, and often tell our own story and it is painful to think that that might be coming to an end; but we know that the Gospel of

Jesus Christ is one of Resurrection from death, we just need the courage to follow the Hope his call holds for us. So we have some choices: stay and fight and hope against the odds that the society works; join the Ordinariate and risk an un-clear way forward; withdraw and make our parishes a sign of something distinctive in the Church, shoring them up like a lighthouse in an unwelcoming sea. Whatever road we choose will be challenging, but it's the Lord who calls us to discipleship and faithfulness, and only with the Lord can we take that road he calls us to follow. It's his love that bade us welcome; let not our souls draw back!



Blessed
John
Henry
Newman

INTERCESSIONS

DECEMBER

- 1 The Ward of S Wilfrid, Leeds
- 2 The Additional Curates Society
- 3 S Francis Xavier — Christians in the Far East
- 4 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 5 **ADVENT 2**
Thanksgiving for our baptism in the Spirit
- 6 S Nicholas — Children everywhere
- 7 S Ambrose — Bishops as Teachers of the Faith
- 8 **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** —
The honour due to Our Lady
- 9 The Catholic Societies' Vocations Initiative
- 10 The Ward of S Herbert, Carlisle
- 11 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 12 **ADVENT 3**
That we may live in the joy of expectancy
- 13 S Lucy — Girls and young women
- 14 S John of the Cross — Spiritual writers
- 15 The CBS Trustees
- 16 The Ward of The Precious Blood, Durham
- 17 O Sapientia — The Ward of S Benedict, Blyth
- 18 O Adonai - My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 19 **ADVENT 4 — O Radix**
That we may know God with us through his Son
- 20 O Clavis — The Ward of Our Lady, Deal
- 21 O Oriens — The Ward of the Annunciation, Chislehurst
- 22 O Rex - My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 23 O Emmanuel - The Catholic League
- 24 Christmas Eve — The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
- 26 **THE HOLY FAMILY**
Our own families
- 27 S John — All whom we love
- 28 The Holy Innocents — That evil plans may be thwarted
- 29 S Thomas Becket — The Church in England
- 30 The Church Union
- 31 My Ward — its Superior and Members

THE CONFRATERNITY'S DAILY PRAYER

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. Amen.

R.I.P.

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

Priest Associate

Frank Leo Morris

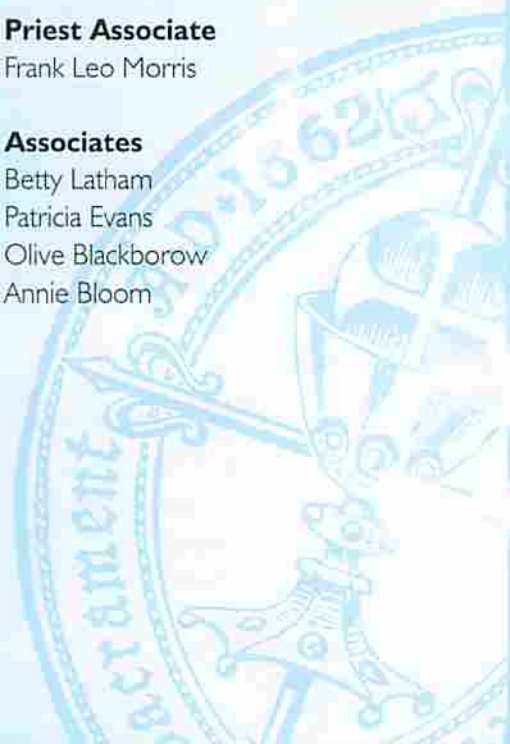
Associates

Betty Latham

Patricia Evans

Olive Blackborow

Annie Bloom



INTERCESSIONS

JANUARY

- MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**
That all may honour his saving Name
- EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
That all nations may acknowledge Christ
- The Ward of The Transfiguration, Sevenoaks
- The Ward of Christ the King & Stella Maris, Blackpool
- The Ward of The Protomartyr, Blackpool
- The Provincial Episcopal Visitors
- The Ward of SS Werburg & Winifred, Wirral & North Wales
- My Ward — its Superior and Members
- THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
All who will be baptised this year
- The Ward of S Agnes, Liverpool
- The Ward of The Precious Blood, Southport
- Fr Christopher Pearson, our Superior-General
- The Ward of The Precious Blood, Swinton & Pendlebury
- The Ward of The Holy Angels, Brentwood
- My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
That we may witness to the Chosen One of God
- S Antony of Egypt — Monks of the Eastern Church
- The Ward of S Cedd & The Saints of Essex, Colchester
- Fr David Waller, our Treasurer-General
- The Ward of The Sacred Passion, Ilford
- S Agnes — The Ward of Christ the King, Leigh-on-Sea
- My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
That we may shed Christ's light in the world
- S Francis de Sales — Spiritual Directors
- The Conversion of S Paul — Missionaries
- SS Timothy & Titus — Our friends and colleagues
- Fr Christopher Lindlar, our Secretary-General
- S Thomas Aquinas — Christian teachers
- My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
That we may boast in Christ alone
- S John Bosco — Children in care

FEBRUARY

- The Ward of The Epiphany, Leytonstone
- THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST**
That we may offer ourselves for God's service
- The CBS Council-General
- My Ward - its Superior and Members
- S Agatha — Those tortured for the Faith
- 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
That the Church may shine as a light
- The Ward of S John Vianney, Mid-Essex
- The Ward of S Anthony, Woodford Green
- The Society of the Holy Cross
- S Scholastica — Benedictine nuns
- The Ward of The Sacred Heart, Hammerfield
- My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
That we may follow Christ's law of love
- SS Cyril & Methodius — Christians in Europe
- The Ward of Our Lady, Letchworth
- The Federation of Catholic Priests
- The Ward of Christ in Glory, Aldwick
- The Ward of Corpus & Sanguis Christi, Bexhill
- My Ward - its Superior and Members
- 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
That we may follow the call to holiness
- The Ward of The Annunciation, Brighton
- The Chair of S Peter — Pope Benedict XVI
- S Polycarp — Steadfastness in persecution
- Isolated Associates on the Secretary-General's List
- The Ward of S Saviour & S Peter, Eastbourne
- My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Surrender to God in love and trust
- Forward in Faith

News from the Wards

New Priest Associate
Fr Philip Corbett

Cassop cum Quarrinton (Durham),
Christ the King (Fr John Livesley)
Tabernacle

Recent Grants

Winchmore Hill (London), Bishop
Stopford's School (Fr Antony Homer)
Tabernacle and ciborium

The Diocese of Manicaland (Central
Africa)
Vessels and vestments for 15 parishes
and missions

Mallorca (Europe), S Andrew
(Canon Mel Smith)
Vestments

Southport (Liverpool), S Luke
(Fr Anthony Oulton)
Grant towards stipend support

Bruisyard (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich),
S Peter (Fr Jonathan Olanczuk)
Tabernacle, vestments

The Glastonbury Pilgrimage 2010
Sacristy costs

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Perhaps you would like to contribute to the Quarterly with news of events or articles relating to what is happening in your Ward?

We also welcome photographs of any recent CBS related activities – please send all contributions to the Secretary-General at the address left.

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