

FEBRUARY



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

- † Alan Lee
- † David Dingley Bolt
- † Alan Harrison
- † Peter Edwin Tidmarsh

Associates

- † Patricia Barker
- † Grace Hemmings
- † Marion Moulton
- † George Hackney
- † Maisie Martin
- † Mary Lodge
- † Jill Paton
- † Beulah Brown
- † David Wright

- 1 **4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Epiphany 4)**
That we may listen to the Lord's teaching
- 2 **THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST**
That we may offer ourselves for God's service
- 3 The Ward of Christ the King, Leigh on Sea
- 4 The American CBS
- 5 S Agatha – *Steadfastness*
- 6 S Paul Miki and his Companions – *Christians in Japan*
- 7 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 8 **5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (3 before Lent)**
That we may receive Christ's healing
- 9 The Ward of the Epiphany, Leytonstone
- 10 S Scholastica – *Nuns*
- 11 The CBS Trustees
- 12 The Ward of S John Vianney, Mid-Essex
- 13 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 14 SS Cyril & Methodius – *Christians throughout Europe*
- 15 **6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (2 before Lent)**
That we may befriend the outcast in Christ's name
- 16 The Ward of S Anthony, Woodford Green
- 17 The Ward of the Sacred Heart, Hammerfield
- 18 Isolated Associates on the Secretary-General's List
- 19 The Ward of Our Lady, Letchworth
- 20 The Ward of Christ in Glory, Aldwick
- 21 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 22 **7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Next before Lent)**
That we may know Christ's forgiveness
- 23 S Polycarp – *Courage in suffering*
- 24 The Guild of All Souls
- 25 The Ward of the Annunciation, Brighton
- 26 The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary
- 27 The Ward of S Saviour & S Peter, Eastbourne
- 28 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*

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 January 2009**

NEW PRIESTS ASSOCIATE:

Fr John Archer

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.

THE OFFICERS:

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Please send to the Secretary-General: completed application forms, Gift Aid forms, subscriptions, changes of address, changes in ward officers, names of recently departed Associates.

Associates may obtain CBS Medals (£2), Manuals (£2), Constitutions (£2) and Lapel Badges (£2) from the Secretary-General. Payment includes postage and must accompany order.

RECENT GRANTS

Zomba (Southern Malawi ~ Upper Shire) Leonard Kamungu
Theological College

Fr Martin Mgeni:
Vessels and vestments

Asesewa (Koforidua, Ghana),
S Andrew

Fr Jonathan Matey:
Vestments

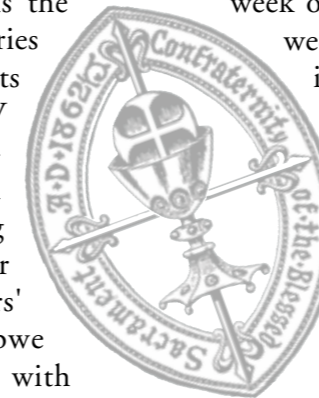
Vessels and vestments for the following parishes in Guyana:

Anna Regina, Holy Trinity
Buxton, S Augustine
Belladrum, S Alban

East Bank Demerara, S Matthew
Fort Wellington, S Michael
Georgetown, S James the Less, Kitty

Plaisance, S Paul
West Coast Berlice, S Jude
West Coast Demerara, S Simon
West Coast Demerara, S Jude

Early in September, we at the Ward of SS Saviour & S Peter, Eastbourne, heard of Matabeleland Church Linens, offering purificators and lavabo towels from Zimbabwe. They are made by the Mothers' Union, hemstitched by hand, each one requiring several hours work, resulting in the highest quality. With the profit that it receives from the sale of these linens the Mothers' Union carries out a variety of projects including care of HIV / Aids sufferers, self-help schemes, health education, work among teenagers and care for elderly. The Mothers' Union in Zimbabwe value doing business with the United Kingdom because the current exchange rate gives the English pound considerable purchasing power in Zimbabwe.



CBS exists among other things to ensure the reverent and dignified celebration of the Mass. Our organisation provides vestments, ciboria, and chalices to poor parishes, for example, and the impressive lists of grants are given in our Quarterly Paper. Of course our local Ward of CBS can't match that generosity, but

we wondered if our members would be happy to finance the provision of new small items of altar linen like purificators and lavabo towels for use at St Saviour's Church. We ordered a week's supply at a cost of £92, including postage, and then we waited and wondered if there would be sufficient voluntary contributions from our members to meet this cost. That was in the first week of September; within three weeks we had raised £100 including a £5 donation from two non-members. Stuart, our Sacristan, weeded out our existing small linens that had passed their 'sell-by date', and we passed on some of the better items to poorer parishes nearby for their own use. Our clergy and servers have pronounced that the new linens are lovely to work with, though those who have to wash them for next time are finding it a little difficult - time is needed for them to 'bed down', we are told. So, thank you, CBS members for your support, which has helped the Mothers' Union in Zimbabwe to finance its very worthwhile projects.

Fr Rex Hurrell



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QUARTERLY

The Superior-General writes...

Only human?

Some buses in London are now carrying the slogan: 'There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life.' Harmless enough; even amusing. It's a campaign that is being promoted by a Humanist Organisation (would that they were humanitarian!). To be indifferent about the Gospel is one thing; but to be anti- (and actively anti-) the-Gospel is quite another. It is far from harmless: it's quite sinister. The conclusion of such an attitude is illustrated by the clips which continue to be shown on the website YouTube 'The desecration of the Eucharist'. The website is a type of Speakers' Corner on the internet: anyone can make a video clip about anything they choose and post it on the site for the entire world to see, anything from how to tie a necktie to bizarre political opinions. In the clips in question, the Blessed Sacrament (we are led to believe) is secreted out of Mass and fed to ducks, flushed down a lavatory, smashed by a crowbar - other clips are still being added. Such activity is the natural conclusion for those who are not indifferent to the Gospel,



but are anti-the-Gospel. It is sinister and diabolical (*of the devil*).

Efforts have been made worldwide to persuade Google, who run YouTube, to ask them not to post these clips. They heeded such concerns for a few days, but the clips were reinstated. The other distressing thing here is that these abuses are the ones we know about. Many priests will have been aware (through God's grace) of people taking the Blessed Sacrament but not receiving. Innocent or not, who knows? Maybe this is the tip of an abusive iceberg?

What to do? Many people have written to Google, and you could do just that at press@google.com. You might want to no longer use Google as a search engine, (Yahoo is much better!) If you use Google for email, change to another. All these services generate revenue for the company. But in truth, these letters and actions will be small-fry for such a huge worldwide company. The best way, and most effective, is to pray – not as a last resort, or in desperation, but as the Christian's *first* reaction to any situation we find ourselves in, good or not good. And when we pray, we pray in love, not in anger

or desperation. Pray for those who abuse the Blessed Sacrament, and not just on YouTube. How often the Tabernacle is ignored in Church, how often we receive Holy Communion thoughtlessly, without preparation or thanksgiving! And pray for those who reject - actively reject - the Gospel.

God will always win through, so maybe this is a call to us, especially as Associates of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, to spend a little more time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and be on our guard against abuse in whatever form. St Paul tells us that we are to make up whatever is lacking in the suffering of Christ! And be assured that Love will win through. To reject the Gospel is to reject Love, and we know that God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, who comes to us, and stays with us in the Blessed Sacrament.

And the bus slogan is quite wrong: Cardinal Newman reminds us that, on the basis of probability, there probably is a God – and his name is Jesus.

*Fr Christopher Pearson SSC
Superior-General*

VESTMENTS FOR CONCELEBRATION

CBS has 20 sets of vestments in white, red and purple that can be borrowed for a fee of £1 per vestment. Applications for their use must be made to the Superior-General. The vestments are kept in South London, and must be collected and returned there by the borrower.

Long before the advent of holidays in Mallorca and retirement homes on the Costas, Spanish words were entering English parlance. Back in the Peninsular War, at the start of the nineteenth century, Wellington's troops began calling their chaplains 'Padre' after the fashion of the local people and clergy in their theatre of operations. This was well before the Oxford Movement and the rediscovery of 'Father' as an acceptable form of address for Anglican clergymen. Today all army chaplains of whatever stripe (and even of whatever sex!) are called 'Father' in Spanish - one has to be a Roman Catholic chaplain to be called Father officially in English! So it is that a bunch of chaplains, all neatly labelled 'Padre' on their uniforms, have deployed with their soldiers to Iraq.

You may have read reports in the newspapers decrying shortages of equipment for our troops in the field - most recently I saw reference to a lack of radio batteries and to the perpetual shortage of helicopters. In the world of army chaplains, we have set off on this latest round of

operations clutching a field kit which contains chalice, paten, crucifix, reversible stole in purple and white, even an oil stock to anoint the sick or wounded, all in a little pouch that fits on one's webbing. To the uninitiated this might seem an adequate, even good, provision - but where in that kit do we find the tool



that will enable us to have a seemly service of Benediction? Enter the Confraternity of the Blessed

Sacrament! 'I've had tabernacles from them before,' said Padre Simon. 'I am a member and I'm sure they loan monstrances too,' said Padre Stephen, and so, because he had never been in a church without a tabernacle and monstrance and was deemed to be feeling

one. In the land of sand, short on entertainment, the assembled Fathers - sorry, Padres - discussed this matter at length and decided that the post would soon bring a chunky, 1970s style, functional but unattractive piece of churchware. We were pleasantly surprised, therefore, when the parcel was opened to reveal a glorious sunburst around the lunette which awaited the consecrated Host. 'It even has the SSC cross on top,' observed three of the brethren, polishing their badges.

When a photograph for this periodical was to be taken Fr Nagel asked for one 'on Ops' rather than comfortably ensconced in a churchy setting which might be anywhere. We felt it inappropriate to carry the Blessed Sacrament around the vehicle park, but equally odd to photograph the monstrance empty, especially as its brass colour almost vanished before the sandy uniforms. The solution was to insert an unconsecrated host. 'Is that the Blessed Sacrament, Padre?' asked the soldier with the camera, perhaps wondering if he should kneel to take the photo. 'Don't worry, my son, it's a blank round.'

Fr Tony Dalton CF

The CBS Quarterly is available on tape for visually impaired members from:
Mr George Green, 12 Newbridge Lane, Truro TR1 3JS 01872 278727

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.

DECEMBER

- 1 The Ward of S Wilfrid, Leeds
- 2 The Ward of the Sacred Heart, Thornhill Lees
- 3 S Francis Xavier – *Christians in the Far East*
- 4 The Additional Curates Society
- 5 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 6 S Nicholas – *Children everywhere*
- 7 **ADVENT 2**
Thanksgiving for all messengers of the Good News
- 8 **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION -**
The honour due to Our Lady
- 9 The Ward of S Herbert, Carlisle
- 10 The Catholic Societies Vocations Initiative
- 11 The Ward of the Precious Blood, Durham
- 12 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 13 S Lucy – *Girls and young women*
- 14 **ADVENT 3**
That we may rejoice because the Lord is near
- 15 The Ward of S Benedict, Blyth
- 16 The Ward of S Peter, Folkestone
- 17 O Sapientia: The Ward of the Annunciation, Chislehurst
- 18 O Adonai: The Guild of All Souls
- 19 O Radix: The Ward of the Transfiguration, Sevenoaks
- 20 O Clavis: My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 21 **ADVENT 4 O Oriens**
Thanksgiving for Mary, the Ark of the New Covenant
- 22 O Rex: The Catholic League
- 23 O Emmanuel: My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 24 Christmas Eve –
The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
- 26 S Stephen – *Thanksgiving for all martyrs*
- 27 S John – *All whom we love*
- 28 **THE HOLY FAMILY**
Our own families
- 29 S Thomas of Canterbury – *The Church of England*
- 30 The Ward of Christ the King & Stella Maris, Blackpool
- 31 The Society of the Holy Cross (SSC)

JANUARY

- 1 **THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS -**
That all may honour his saving Name
- 2 SS Basil & Gregory – *Theologians*
- 3 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 4 **THE EPIPHANY (or Christmas 2)**
That all nations may see the light of God's Truth
- 5 The Ward of the Protomartyr, Blackpool
- 6 The Church Union
- 7 Fr Chris Pearson, our Superior-General
- 8 The Ward of SS Werburg & Winifred, Wirral & North Wales
- 9 The Ward of S Agnes, Liverpool
- 10 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 11 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
All who will be baptised this year
- 12 Fr Alan Cross, our Treasurer-General
- 13 The Ward of the Precious Blood, Southport
- 14 Fr Lawson Nagel, our Secretary-General
- 15 The Ward of the Precious Blood, Swinton & Pendlebury
- 16 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 17 S Antony – *Monks of the Eastern Church*
- 18 **2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Epiphany 2)**
That we may answer God's call
- 19 The Ward of the Holy Angels, Brentwood
- 20 The Ward of S Cedd & the Saints of Essex, Colchester
- 21 S Agnes – *Child martyrs*
- 22 The Federation of Catholic Priests
- 23 The Ward of the Sacred Passion, Ilford
- 24 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 25 S Francis de Sales – *Spiritual directors*
- 26 **3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Epiphany 3)**
That we may follow the Way of the Lord
- 27 SS Timothy & Titus – *Our own friends and colleagues*
- 28 S Thomas Aquinas – *Christian teachers*
- 29 Forward in Faith
- 30 Charles, King & Martyr – *The Queen*
- 31 S John Bosco – *Children in care*