

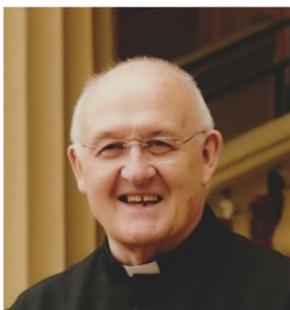


**THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
DECEMBER 2019, JANUARY, FEBRUARY 2020**



The Superior-General writes...

It has become my custom in this edition of our Quarterly paper to report on the Council-General. This is really the AGM of the CBS and should be attended by its Officers, other Trustees, and District-Superiors, as well as a Lay representative of each District who acts as a non-voting observer. Our meeting this year took place on 7th October and we began as usual with Mass which was celebrated, for the first time, at the church of St James, Garlickhythe, in the City of London. Our thanks go to its parish priest, Fr Tim Handley, who is also a Priest-Associate, for his warm and enthusiastic welcome. We gathered for the meeting once again at the nearby offices of CCLA – the investment body which looks after our finances so well and, our Treasurer was pleased to report, so fruitfully.



Amongst other things in the life of CBS, I reported that **Fr Sam Philpott** had come to the end of his term of office as a Trustee and that he had decided not to offer himself for a further period, as well as standing down as Superior of District 9 (Exeter diocese). This is due to his health which has not been good more recently and so he has decided to concentrate on the local rather than the national in a number of areas, not least CBS. It is my strong feeling that CBS ought to pay tribute to him in a particular way because, when CBS faced its crisis a few years ago at the time of the emergence of the Ordinariate, it was Fr

Sam who spearheaded the legal campaign to ensure that its financial resources remained with CBS and within Anglican control. For this reason our Confraternity owes him much - both this generation and future generations - for his steadfastness, perseverance and loyalty to the faith. His witness as a priest has been long and notable and he has been tenacious in all things, not least in making sure our bishops are, first and foremost, shepherds and pastors rather than managers. As well as offering him our gratitude for this and so very much more, we also assure him of our respect, our prayers and our love.

With a vacancy in the Trustees being created by Fr Sam's retirement, it was necessary for us to elect a successor. So I was very pleased, on behalf of the Trustees, to nominate **Br Joseph Emmanuel SSF** in this regard. It was gratifying that this was agreed and we look forward to welcoming him – perhaps the first Religious - to our regular Trustees' meetings. As the sixth of our number, Br Joseph Emmanuel joins Fr Ed Martin (Treasurer), Fr Edward Martin (Secretary-General), Fr Paul Hutchins, and Fr Peter Edwards as the other Trustee who, along with me, do our best to guide and further the life and mission of CBS. As at the recent Council-General, I would like to thank them for their work and their support, not forgetting to mention, of course, the administrative work (her "indefatigable labours," I said at the meeting!) of Mary Bashford in the ACS office.

Our newest Trustee has written something of himself below. Also another Trustee, Fr Paul Hutchins, writes in appreciation of the late Canon Dennis Kelly, a long-standing Priest-Associate and the Superior of District 5 for a number of years. He had been a steady and constant attender at the Council-General who, I consider, always seemed to get to the nub of the matter in the terse contributions he made there. May he rest in peace.

With fraternal greetings in Christ,

✠ *Roger*

Br Joseph Emmanuel SSF, our newest Trustee, introduces himself



I first felt the call to Priesthood (and Religious Life) as a student at St Andrews. Because I was unhappy with the general trajectory of the Scottish Episcopal Church, I found myself rapidly hitting buffers in the discernment process, although I was reassured that I would be considered if I would "change my mind..." On advice, I wrote to Bishop Brian Masters, then Bishop of Edmonton, who took me under his wing and, after a placement in St Paul's, Tottenham, I was recommended for ordination and sent to Mirfield by his successor, Bishop Peter Wheatley, where I trained alongside both Frs Ed Martin and Paul Hutchins. On leaving Mirfield I went back to St Paul's, Tottenham and spent three years there as a curate before moving to St Michael's in Croydon where I served a second curacy. It was then that I became a life member of CBS. Whilst there I worked with the CBS ward and was a recipient of a grant from CBS for a Mass kit which I used to celebrate a weekly Mass in Croydon College where I was chaplain. I continued to feel called to Religious Life (having always assumed I would join CR), but I visited Alnmouth, fell in love with the Society of St Francis, and am now the Provincial Novice Guardian, having made my Life Profession in 2017.

FATHER PAUL HUTCHINS WRITES ON CANON DENNIS KELLY



Canon Dennis Kelly died on the feast of St Thomas this year, 3rd July. It was ironic in that he had been ordained on the old St Thomas' Day (21 December) back in 1957 and that, as one chapter had begun, another closed and then re-opened in the certainty of the proclamation of our belief in the resurrection which is professed by St Thomas himself, and enables us, too, to proclaim every time the bread and wine are consecrated; 'My Lord and my God.' It was his Lord and his God that Fr Dennis so diligently served. His only wish in life was to be a faithful parish priest and this indeed he was. He served his entire ministry in the diocese of Chester, of which he was also

an Honorary Canon, except in retirement when he assisted in a parish in Liverpool up until his death. He was small in stature but a renowned figure in so many ways. His early church life began as a choir boy at Chester Cathedral; here he would develop his skill as a musician and ultimately as an organist, a skill he took with him throughout life. His energy abounded and he never tired of serving the Lord, not least as a Ward Superior of CBS but also as a District Superior. His service of District 5 reflected his enthusiasm and his great love of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and his devotion to our Confraternity. The District is extensive, covering the dioceses of Bangor, Blackburn, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, St Asaph and Sodor & Man! Fr Dennis was faithful, loving, entertaining, and hard-working. He was everything that many of us should aspire to be. He always had a twinkle in his eye which showed the joy of the Lord in his life. He had a wonderful way in which he would make time for you and talk to you and get to know you. His mind was encyclopaedic and he always had a quip at hand. Not known for his brevity in preaching, you would always be sure of getting value with Fr Dennis and you came away the better for it.

Fr Dennis leaves behind his wife Valerie and their four children and grandchildren. He touched the hearts and minds of many in the parishes he served so faithfully and beyond through CBS and the City of Chester (of which he was a Freeman). A faithful parish priest is what Fr Dennis was: he fulfilled his vocation and the Lord's desire for him.

Father Paul Hutchins SSC



**CHILDREN'S EUCHARISTIC DAY
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, FAILSWORTH
190 Lord Lane, Manchester M35 0QS
on 25th April 2020.**

**For further details please contact
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INTERCESSIONS

DECEMBER

- 1 **Advent 1 – Stay awake!**
- 2 S Michael & All Angels, Bathwick
- 3 All Saints with S Saviour, Weston Super Mare
- 4 S Gregory & S Augustine, Bristol
- 5 The Holy Family, Swindon
- 6 S Thomas, Birmingham
- 7 Our Lady of the Isle, Wilmcote
- 8 **Advent 2 – Repent for the kingdom is close at hand**
- 9 Immaculate Conception – Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
- 10 The Holy Family Leamington
- 11 S Faith, Bradford
- 12 S Wilfrid, Leeds
- 13 Ark of the Covenant, Sheffield
- 14 The Precious Blood, Durham
- 15 **Advent 3 – Happy is the one who doesn't lose faith in me**
- 16 S Benedict, Blyth
- 17 Our Lady of Deal, Deal
- 18 The Annunciation, Chislehurst
- 19 Christ the King & Stella Maris, Blackpool
- 20 The Protomartyr, Blackpool
- 21 Ss Werburg & Winifred, Wirral & North Wales
- 22 **Advent 4 – She was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit**
- 23 The Precious Blood, Southport
- 24 The Precious Blood, Swinton & Pendlebury
- 25 **The Nativity of our Lord – Glory to God in the highest!**
- 26 St Stephen – St Stephen's House Seminary
- 27 St John the Evangelist – Biblical scholars
- 28 Holy Innocents – Diocesan Safeguarding Officers
- 29 **The Holy Family / 1st Sunday of Christmas – Take the child and his mother, and escape into Egypt**
- 30 The Holy Angels, Brentwood
- 31 The Saints of Essex, Colchester

JANUARY

- 1 Mary, Mother of God - Pilgrims to Marian Shrines
- 2 The Sacred Passion, Romford
- 3 The Holy Mysteries, South Benfleet
- 4 S John Vianney, Mid-Essex
- 5 **Epiphany of the Lord – The sight of the star filled them with delight**
- 6 S Anthony, Woodford Green
- 7 Our Lady with S Michael, Thorpe le Soken
- 8 The Sacred Heart, Hammerfield
- 9 Our Lady, Letchworth
- 10 Christ in Glory, Aldwick
- 11 The Annunciation, Brighton
- 12 **The Baptism of the Lord – This is my Son, the Beloved**
- 13 S Saviour and S Peter, Eastbourne
- 14 The Transfiguration, Haywards Heath
- 15 The Precious Blood, Horsham
- 16 S Anne, Hove
- 17 Ss Mary and Nicolas, Lancing College
- 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins – For unity within the Body of Christ
- 19 **2nd Sunday / Epiphany 2 – There is the Lamb of God!**
- 20 Our Lady of Littlehampton, Littlehampton
- 21 Anima Christi, St Leonards on Sea
- 22 S Cuthman, Storrington Deanery
- 23 S Gabriel, Worthing
- 24 Our Lady & Corpus Christi, Cambridge
- 25 Conversion of S Paul –
- 26 **3rd Sunday / Epiphany 3 – Repent, for the kingdom is close at hand**
- 27 S Edmund, King & Martyr, Downham Market
- 28 S Mary, Great Yarmouth
- 29 Our Lady, Walsingham
- 30 Ss Peter and Paul, Uppingham
- 31 The Ward of Our Lady, at S Mary Steps, Exeter

INTERCESSIONS

FEBRUARY

- 1 S Peter Plymouth
- 2 **The Presentation of the Lord – My eyes have seen your salvation**
- 3 S Margaret-Mary Alacoque, Cheltenham
- 4 The Little Flower, Longton
- 5 Our Lady and S Andrew, Newcastle under Lyme
- 6 Ss Mary and Dominic, Friar Park
- 7 The Holy Grail, Wolverhampton
- 8 The Sacred Heart, Lincoln
- 9 **5th Sunday / 3 before Lent – Let your light shine before men**
- 10 S Magnus, City of London
- 11 Our Lady of Lourdes – For those who are sick or in special need
- 12 The Sacred Heart with S Andrew, East Finchley
- 13 Adoremus Ward, Hanworth
- 14 Alexander Mackonochie Ward, Holborn
- 15 Corpus Christi, Kenton
- 16 **6th Sunday / 2 before Lent – I have come not to abolish but to complete the Law**
- 17 Our Lady and S George, Winchmore Hill
- 18 S Giles, Reading
- 19 The Love of Jesus, Wantage
- 20 The unity the Lord desires for his Church
- 21 S Laurence, Long Eaton
- 22 Chair of S Peter – Relations with the Holy See
- 23 **7th Sunday / Next before Lent – Love your enemies**
- 24 The Holy Cross, Nottingham
- 25 S Martin, Salisbury
- 26 Ash Wednesday - Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel
- 27 S Michael, Croydon
- 28 S Agnes, Kennington
- 29 Corpus et Sanguis Christi, Plumstead

R.I.P.

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

Priests-Associates

Father Ian Shackleton
Father Alan Rabjohns

Lay Associates

Susan Boon
Doreen Edwards
Fred Nolson
Jill Eltringham

Please also pray for our new members

New Priest Associates

Father Simon Maddison

New Lay Associates

Carole Gabriel

COUNCIL-GENERAL

5th OCTOBER 2020

11.30am Mass at

St James Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill,

London EC4V 2AF

followed by meeting at 12.30 at

CCLA Senator House,

85 Queen Victoria St,

London EC4V 4ET

Lunch will be provided

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FATHER HARRI WILLIAMS' HOMILY GLASTONBURY 2019

Fr Colin Stephenson, sometime Administrator of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, wrote in his work *Merrily on High*: *'that when a need arises at Walsingham it is always supplied, and the right person comes at the right moment'*. You will have to talk to my parishioners to discover whether they feel that I am the right person who has come at the right moment, but I must say that it is an immense privilege to serve as the Parish Priest of Walsingham. It's a privilege to minister to the worshipping family who gather week by week, to minister to those on pilgrimage who attend the Parish Mass, to support the work of the Shrine and the Sisters of St Margaret, as priest and people, resident and pilgrim we journey together in our vocation as disciples of the Lord.

In order to be a disciple of the Lord, to be a brother or a sister to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we have to, as Jesus reminds us in the Gospel, do the will of our Father in heaven. Following his will, following the calling which God has for each and everyone of us can be a challenge, it can be painful, but it can also be joyful, and who knew that better than Mary the Virgin Mother of God, the first disciple of the Lord.

The discipleship which Mary exemplifies is not a quiet, restrained, unchallenging one, rather it is radical, life-giving and powerful. Mary from the moment of her acceptance of the invitation to be the Mother of God, sought to place herself at the service of God, to do the Father's will, and to play her part in bringing about the kingdom of God. A kingdom which she spoke about so eloquently in the words of the Magnificat.

Mary, in the *'the most revolutionary hymn ever sung'* as Dietrich Bonhoeffer put it, heralds a kingdom in which the status quo will be overturned, the inherent values of a broken and sinful society will be overhauled in order that the kingdom of God will be brought about.

The example of the Blessed Virgin Mary should provide us with a springboard from which we should launch ourselves into our vocation as disciples of the Lord. The hallmarks of that discipleship should be clear for all to see.

Firstly, like Mary we should have a clear confidence in God. In the Magnificat, Mary begins her song of joy by recounting what God has done for her: *'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of His servant'*. And that sense of purpose, of trusting in God, clearly carried Mary through those difficult times of discipleship, when she failed to fully comprehend her Son's work or when she stood at the foot of the Cross watching him die. Mary trusted in God, because she was a disciple, she believed in his power to transform her life and all those who like her believe in him. I wonder whether the same could be said of us? Are we clear in our belief of the transformative power of God upon our lives? Even if we are, do we seek to remain rather British about it, shy and retiring rather than being confident and bold in our witness? One of the things that I most enjoy about pilgrimage, and Glastonbury does it so well, is the opportunity to witness to the goodness and greatness of God, not just within the confines of the sacred space in which we celebrate the Mass, but to take that message of hope and transformation out onto the streets. In our procession today we should carry in our hearts the firm belief that our lives have been transformed by God and that we wish others to have that same experience.

To be a disciple of the Lord, to follow Mary's example, we must also have the willingness to respond to the call to challenge the powerful. God chose the lowly Virgin of Nazareth for a purpose. To show that his kingdom was not to be built on power, wealth or status, but on service, humility and love. And so what part have we played as the Body of Christ to challenge those who preside over poverty, persecution and oppression? It has taken until 2018 for the British Government to respond to the widespread persecution of Christians across the world, with an estimated 215 million facing violence and intimidation as they seek to worship Jesus Christ. Yet that situation, the fact that 250 people die a martyr's death every month, receives little coverage in the life of the Church or indeed the nation. 4,600 people sleep homeless on our streets, 4.5million children live in poverty in one of the wealthiest countries in the world. Surely those are situations we should be challenging? To be a disciple of the Lord calls us to challenge those in religious and political authority to listen to the cry of all the children of God, not just the rich and the powerful.

As a disciple of the Lord, Mary did not merely allow herself to be carried along with the crowd, she participated in that kingdom transformation. From her willingness to accept her calling to be the bearer of the Son of God to her intervention with the stewards at the wedding in Cana, Mary showed us how we too must respond to God's invitation to be his hands and his feet in the world. Sometimes we might feel unworthy, sometimes we might feel helpless in the

task, but Pope Francis in 2017 stated that *'God carries out his design of salvation with the little ones and the poor, with those who have faith in Him, who trust his Word, like Mary.'* We are the ones whom God has called to be his instruments of salvation, we are the ones whom he has given the great commission to go out and make disciples and so we like Mary must respond. Respond to that calling which God places on our lives, not with a sense of frustration, disappointment or regret, but gladly with joy in our heart, for as St Paul reminded us in the Letter to the Romans, we have been called according to his purpose. Mary encourages us not to be spectators in the great work of the salvation of souls, but to be participants, to be people of purpose, who joyfully play their part in the transformation of the world.

I look at Colin Stephenson's memorial every time I join the Shrine Clergy for evening prayer, and I am grateful for him and for so many others who have gone before me in Walsingham and enabled it to be such a blessing to me, to the Church and to the world. A blessing because it enables us to ponder on the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first disciple of the Lord. For she was confident in the God who transformed her life, she sought through her actions change and challenge the powerful and she was willing to respond and participate in that transformation of the world. Mary provides to each and everyone of us, a bold, faithful and inspiring example of what it means to be a disciple of the Lord. The question is, do we have the courage to follow her example?

2020 NATIONAL FESTIVAL

Saturday 20th June 2020

**Saint Stephen's Church,
Gloucester Road, London SW7 4RL**

12 noon

**SOLEMN CONCELEBRATED MASS
Preacher: Br Joseph Emmanuel SSF**